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Sgt. 1st class senerson Frugen, working with the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, hands out election information to an Iraqi shopkeeper in the Tamim district near Ramadi.

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War on terrorism

Gitmo detainee released: Kuwait's first detainee to be freed from the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is now being interrogated by prosecutors in his home country, the head of a group that lobbied for his release

said Tuesday. U.S. forces captured Nasser al-Mutairi,

27. in Afghanistan and transferred him to the Guantanamo base with other accused supporters of the country's ousted Taliban regime or al-Qaida terrorist network

Kuwaiti prosecutors detained and questioned him soon after his arrival from Cuba in a government airplane, but it was not clear yet if any charges would be pressed, according to Khaled al-Odah, the father of a Guantanamo detainee

World

India missile test: India tested its most sophisticated short-range missile on Wednesday, a news agency reported.

The surface-to-air missile was test-fired from a range in India's main testing center in Chandipur-on-Sea in the eastern state of Orissa, Press Trust of India said

With a range of six miles, the solid fuel-propelled missile known as "Trishul" is capable of targeting aircraft and sea-skimming missiles. It can carry a warhead of up to 33 pounds.

Kuwait terrorism: Suspected terrorists who shot dead police officers received money from sources in a "brotherly neigh-boring country," the interior minister said in remarks published Wednesday

Some of the 25 men detained for the shootouts with police on Jan. 10 and 15 will be referred to the prosecutor general next week, the interior minister, Sheik Nawwaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah, was quoted as saying by the pro-government newspaper Al-Anba.

The minister did not name the neighboring country from which the suspects got their funds, but he said Kuwait was receiving "around the clock" cooperation from Saudi Arabia. Some of the detainees are Saudi nationals

Russia school seizure: A top Russian prosecutor said Wednesday that seven suspected accomplices in the terrorist seizure of a school in southern Russia had been killed in special operations, two arrested and charged, and six put on a federal wanted list

Nikolai Shepel, the deputy prosecutor gen-eral for the southern federal district, said that criminal cases had also been opened against five police officers for negligence that permitted the school in the southern town of Beslan to be seized in September. leading to the deaths of more than 330 hos-

Russian officials have said 32 raiders took part in the attack and 31 of them were killed while one was captured

States

Police discrimination lawsuit: A former Inglewood, Calif., police officer who was fired for punching a black teenager and slamming him against a patrol car was awarded \$1.6 million Tuesday by the jury in a discrimination lawsuit he and his partner brought against the city

The jury voted 11-1 in favor of the verdict for Jeremy Morse, said defense attorney Gregory Smith. He said the jury was unanimous in awarding \$810,000 to Morse's partner, Bijan Darvish, who had been disciplined in connection with the 2002 incident. "This is not the first time police officers have been trapped in race situations where



Severe California weather: Field workers pick broccoli in a soggy field in Somis, Calif. Record rainfall that swept through California last week cost Ventura County farmers at least \$38 million, although growers in other areas reported only minor damage to crops. The initial estimate of \$38 million in crop and equipment losses was expected to rise, county Agricultural Commissioner W. Earl McPhail said Tuesday.

they suffered unfairly." Smith said in a phone interview after the verdict was read. Morse, 27, said he was very happy with

Nail gun accident: A construction worker who shot himself in the head with a nail gun an accident he didn't discover until he went to the dentist with a nagging toothache said he'll change his line of work.

"I'll make pizzas," Patrick Lawler, 23, said Tuesday.

Lawler, who may be released from the hospital as early as Wednesday, was working on a house near Breckenridge, Colo., when he accidentally fired the nail into his

National Zoo troubles: Conditions at the National Zoo improved during the past year, but a number of weaknesses remain at the venerable institution, according to a report released Wednesday by the National Academies' National Research Council.

After several animal deaths in early 2003. Congress asked the council to conduct a vearlong review of the zoo's flagship Washington facility and its Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Va. The report said "more than a decade of decline in almost every aspect of zoo operation" preceded the deaths.

It urged the zoo to establish "rigorous animal-care staff training as well as a climate of accountability and personal responsibili-

Kerik investigation: To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, the Department of Investigations' top inspector will not take part in the investigation of former New York City police commissioner Ber-nard Kerik, officials said.

Michael Caruso has been inspector general of the Department of Investigations since 1990 and is also an assistant commissioner at the Department of Correction and is responsible for corruption investigations there. His removal from the Kerik probe was announced Tuesday by Department of Investigations spokeswoman Emily Gest.

The agency did not explain why Caruso would not participate, but it is known that he attended Kerik's wedding reception in 1998, and Kerik wrote in his autobiography that Caruso helped him prepare for a job in terview in 2000 with then-mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Blake murder trial: A prosecution witness at Robert Blake's murder trial acknowledged he was unsure whether gunshot residue found on the actor's hands and clothes came from firing a gun the night Blake's wife was fatally shot.

'Is there anything about your tests that would exclude the possibility that the defendant fired a gun that night?" Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels asked coroner's criminalist Steven Dowell.

"No." Dowell said during testimony Tues

But on cross-examination by defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach, Dowell said it was also possible Blake had gunshot residue on his hands and clothes from other sources the night Bonny Lee Bakley was

Coast Guard safety measures: The Coast Guard plans new safety measures to protect towboat crews from high water after a tugboat sank on the Ohio River last week, killing three of its seven crew members and leaving one presumed dead.

A task force will examine whether to impose towing limits, identify dangerous stretches of river and issue safety rules dur-ing high water, Coast Guard Cmdr. Wyman W. Briggs said Tuesday. Its members will also consider whether an assist vessel should be required in dangerous parts of the Ohio during fast currents.

The task force includes members of the Coast Guard, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh, and a representative of Campbell Transportation Co., which owns the towboat that was carried away by swift currents.

Michael Jackson case: A television journalist has asked a judge to deny a request by prosecutors for him to testify at Michael Jackson's child molestation trial. Rashir's 2003 documentary Martin

prompted an outcry after Jackson said on camera that he contin-



motion filed Tuesday that his work "speaks for itself" and that under California's shield law, journalists cannot be forced to testify about what they observe

while reporting a story. Bashir's motion is to be considered at a Jan. 28 hearing

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Bomb blasts echo across Iraq capital

BY HAMZA HENDAWI The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A wave of car bombings shook the Iraqi capital Wednesday, killing at least 12 people as rebels stepped up their offensive to block the Jan. 30 national election. Other attacks were reported north and south of the capital.

U.S. military officials put the death toll from the day's violence at 26, but the number was based on initial field reports and witnesses and Iraqi officials put the toll lower. Iraqi authorities said 12 people were killed in the bombings and another person killed in a drive-by shooting on a Kurdish political party

Al-Qaida's branch in Iraq said it carried out the first of the day's blasts, at the Australian Embassy in the capital. A truck packed with explosives went off outside the concrete barriers in front of the embassy about 7 a.m., killing two people and wounding several, including two Australian soldiers.

"A lion of monotheism and faith ... carried out a martyrdom operation nearby the Austra lian Embassy," the group al-Qaida in Iraq said in a Web statement. The group is led by Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who has allied himself with Osama bin Lad en's terror network.

A half-hour after the embassy blast, another car homb killed six at a police station located next to a hospital in eastern Baghdad, the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

A third car bombing struck at the main gate to an Iraqi military garrison located at a disused airport in central Baghdad. An officer at the Iraqi Defense Ministry said three Iraqi army troops were killed in that attack

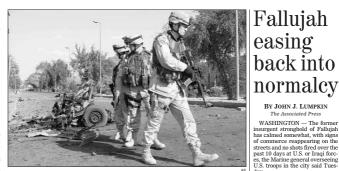
The U.S. military also said a car bomb deto nated southwest of Baghdad International Airport, killing two Iraqi security guards.

Hours later, another car bomb went off in northern Baghdad around noon near a bank and a Shiite Muslim mosque. Iraqi police said one person was killed at that bombing.

Elsewhere in the capital, insurgents in a car fired on a Baghdad office of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, killing one of its members and wounding another, PUK officials said.

Outside the capital, Maj. Gen. Wirya Maar ouf, the dean of a police academy in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, escaped an assassination attempt when gunmen opened fire on his convoy in the city of Irbil. One bystander was killed and another injured, said police Col. Tharwat AbdulKarim

In the northern city of Dahuk, a roadside bomb exploded near the convoy of provincial Gov. Nejrivan Ahmed, but he was not injured,



U.S. soldiers inspect the scene of a car bomb explosion Wednesday in Baghdad. A wave of car bombings shook the Iraqi capital as rebels stepped up an offensive to block national elections.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Tuesday, at least 1,368 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,073 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is six higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kaza khstan one death each

The latest deaths reported by the U.S. mili-

A soldier was killed Tuesday in a roadside bombing in Baghdad

A Marine died on Monday, bringing to three the number of Marines who died Mon-

day while conducting security operations in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by mili-

■ Marine Cpl. Paul C. Holter III, 21, Corpus Christi, Texas; died Friday at Camp Ramadi, Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine

Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battainon, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Ex-peditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. — Army Spc. Alain L. Kamolwathin, 21, of Blairstown, N.J., died Monday in a vehicle ac-cident in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

Army Pfc. Francis C. Obaji, 21, Queens Village, N.Y.; died Monday after he was in-volved in a vehicle accident Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regi-ment, New York, N.Y.

■ Marine Sgt. Jayton D. Patterson, 26, Sedley, Va.; killed Saturday in Iraq's Babil province: assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

edged that its soldiers opened fire on a car as it approached their checkpoint, killing two civilians in the vehicle's front seat. Six children riding in the backseat were unhurt.

It wasn't clear from a military statement whether the two victims were the children's parents. "Military officials extend their condolences for this unfortunate incident," the statement said.

A militant group posted a video on the Web on Wednesday showing gunmen killing execu tion-style two Iragis said to have set up an Internet system in northern Iraq to help in this month's elections.

The video appeared on a Web site known for carrying messages from Islamic militant groups. Its authenticity could not be verified.

On Wednesday, the U.S. military acknowl-

ing the city will take months.

Between 32,000 and 34,000 heads of household in Fallujah will receive \$200 in humanitarian assistance soon, he said, and money to rebuild homes will come later.

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The former

About 140,000 residents have

been allowed past checkpoints

back into the city, Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Ma-

rine Expeditionary Force, said

from Iraq in a teleconference with reporters at the Pentagon.

Some have left again because of

damage to their homes, but he

"We're seeing more lights on every night." he said. "We're start-

ing to see commerce reappear on

dents but most fled before or dur-

ing the assault by U.S. and Iraqi

forces that started Nov. 8 to clear

out the insurgent presence in the city. A week ago, the office of the

U.N. high commissioner for refu-

gees refugee said 85,000 people

had returned to the city, but only

10 percent — 8.500 — remained

the rest had left after inspecting

Still, Sattler portrayed an im-

Electric power remains a prob-

lem, however. Except at hospitals and other essential buildings,

where lights are powered by por-

table generators, it is simply too

dangerous to turn on the power

with so many downed lines around the city that could injure

or kill people, Sattler said. Rewir-

proving security situation in the

their homes

Falluiah had about 300,000 resi-

lacked figures on how many.

He said Fallujah residents will be able to vote in the Jan. 30 national election, but he would not specify where polling sites would be. He said voting locations are being kept secret until just before the election to prevent insurgents from preparing attacks for those

The general also offered rare praise for Iraq's neighbor Syria, a frequent target of criticism from the Bush administration.

Sattler's area of command stretches west from Falluiah, to the border with Svria, which has been a crossing point for fighters, money and weapons destined for the insurgency.

"The Syrians have stepped up on their side of the bor-der," he said, crediting the State Department's efforts with Damascus. He said the Syrians have increased patrols and filled in breaks in a berm that runs along the border.

AbdulKarim said

An Iraqi police officer was killed Wednesday in another car bombing in the largely Shiite city of Hillah south of Baghdad, the Polish

Fresh clashes erupted Wednesday between U.S. troops and insurgents in the northern city of Mosul. A car bomb exploded beside a U.S convoy in the eastern part of the city, and two Iragis were killed when American troops opened fire after the blast, witnesses said There were no reported casualties among the Americans.

leaders were killed, officials said. Their bodies were found shot in the head and chest after being kidnapped Tuesday, police said.

Also, in the city of Kirkuk, two human rights

Iraq likely to push U.S. for withdrawal timetable and Sunnis, possibly leading to

The Iraqi government elected Jan. 30 will almost certainly ask the United States to set a timetable for withdrawing its troops. The New Tork Times reports senior Bush administration officials

According to the Times, the reports also warn that the elections will be followed by more violence, including an increased like-lihood of clashes between Shiites civil war, the officials said. This assessment is consistent

with other reports over the past six months, including a classified cable sent in November by the Central Intelligence Agency's departing station chief in Baghdad. But the new assessments, from the CIA and the Defense and State Departments, focus more closely on the aftermath of the election, including its potential

implications for American policy. the officials were reported as say-

The assessments are based on the expectation that a Shiite Arab coalition will win the elections, the officials told the Times. Leaders of the coalition have promised voters they will press Washington for a timetable for withdrawal. and the assessments say the new Iraqi government will feel bound, at least publicly, to meet that comSuch a request would put new

pressure on the Bush administration, which has said it would honor an Iraqi request but has declined to set a timetable for withdrawing the 173,000 American and other foreign troops now in Iraq. Officials, including Colin L. Powell, the secretary of state have said such decisions should be based on security needs, which include training more Ira-

Soldiers take to Ramadi streets in election push



A young Iraqi boy watches from an upstairs apartment window as soldiers hand out information about upcoming elections on the streets below.

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

RAMADI, Iraq - American soldiers are blanketing the streets and shops of Ramadi with information on the upcoming elections, trying to encourage people to vote in a city where security of polling sites is threatened by insurgents.

Winding through the dusty streets of Tamim, a district on the southwest edge of Ramadi, soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry handed out colorful fliers and instruction sheets Tues-

Sometimes they were greeted by smiles, sometimes by indifference and sometimes by hostile glares.

"Election information! vote," called out Sgt. 1st Class Jef-



Competing election graffiti is scrawled on walls along the streets of the Tamim district of Ramadi.

ferson Pridgen, handing out fliers in one of Tamim's marketplaces. Stars and Stripes

"Saddam will not be on the ballot this year." he added with a

Nearby, Staff Sgt. Ricky Thomas, a 29-year-old scout platoon member from Ville Platt, La., did the same, trying short phrases of Arabic with the people he encoun-

Most people took the pamphlets, nodded or smiled, and put the papers in their pockets or displayed them on tables or shop windows. But the free-election concept is new to many Iraqis.

One man asked soldiers when he would get paid for his vote. Another thought the informational handouts were ballots.

In a small medical clinic, a female staff member - who understood English, but spoke Arabic - wanted to know where the polling stations in Tamim would be. U.S. military officials and the Independent Election Commission of Iraq are waiting to announce that information until a few days before the election, not wanting to give insurgents time to destroy the locations before the vote.

Pridgen, a 42-year-old artiller forward observer-turned civil affairs officer, also used the day to see how well the reconstruction effort was going. "You can gauge the local econo-

my a lot by the quality of goods people are buying and selling. he said, pointing out markets with fresh fruit and clothing stores with new, brightly colored fabrics and relatively expensive shoes. "A few months back, a lot of it was junk. Now you're starting to



Pfc. Matthew Thacker, of 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, keeps watch

Tuesday as an Iraqi man peers from an apartment window. Soldiers have been handing out election information throughout Ramadi.

see good stuff for sale and nice cars on the street.

Quality and price are relative Tamim is a largely poor area, with garbage piling on many streets and intermittent electrical and water service. Civil affairs teams have been hiring contractors to fix both problems.

Intelligence officials with the 2nd Brigade say they believe the insurgents have been pumping more men and resources into the Tamim area as signs of progress increase. U.S. troops are expecting more attacks in the district as the election nears, and have patrolled the streets aggressively looking for weapons and fighters. The soldiers are among the 3,500 2nd Infantry Division soldiers sent to Iraq from South Korea last

The soldiers, shadowed closely by armored Humvees, had a few tense moments Tuesday. One visibly angry man in a long purple robe took the fliers he was hand-ed and immediately tore them apart. Then he followed Pridgen, tearing up the fliers he handed to other people.

"You can tear as many up as you want. We'll be here every day. We'll bring more," one soldier told the man Another Iraqi man on the street told soldiers the



A soldier from the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry hands out election fliers to Iragis in the Tamim district of Ramadi.

first man was angry because Americans had killed members of his family

A few minutes later, a soldier fired warning shots at a vehicle that came too close to the patrol. Civilians in the marketplace ran for cover, but quickly came back onto the streets when it was clear no firefight was going to take place.

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U.S., Iraqi teams launch offensive

JABALLA, Iraq - Iraqi SWAT teams in training ran down helicopter ramps alongside Marine commandoes at dawn Wednesday, launching an election offensive near the so-called "triangle of death" south of Baghdad.

Marines detained 15 Iraqis, including a sus pected former Saddam Hussein-era intelligence official, in the raid at crossroad farm houses near Jaballa, 50 miles south of Baghdad, the leader of the raid, Capt, Tad Douglas of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, said. Documents were confiscated, along with 11 AK-47s wrapped in plastic and stored in oil, Douglas said.

Sunni group appeals for release BAGHDAD - An influential Sunni Muslim

group on Wednesday appealed to insurgents to release hostages on the occasion of a major Islamic holiday which begins this week.

The Association of Muslim Scholars, a body of

Sunni clerics, asked guerillas — most of whom are Sunnis — and other groups that may be hold-ing captives to release them on the Eid al-Adha feast that began Thursday.

"On the occasion of Eid al-Adha, the Associa-tion of Muslim Scholars appeals on parties who hold hostages to free them as an expression of goodwill. Our religion does not accept such acts that lead to killings and humiliation," said Omar Raghib, a spokesman for the group.

From wire reports

Attacks, resignations could halt vote

BY HAMZA HENDAWI The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Only a sustained onslaught by insurgents or the mass resignation of electoral workers will prevent this month's national elections from going ahead, the chief U.N. elec-

tion adviser in Iraq said Tuesday Still, with just two weeks to go before the Jan. 30 vote, Carlos Valenzuela acknowledged that intimidation of electoral workers by guerrillas seeking to derail the balloting is "high and very seri-0118

An insurgency led by Sunni Muslim militants has recently stepped up its campaign to stop the vote, slaughtering electoral workers, blasting designated polling stations with mortar fire and assassinating candidates. Insurgents also have attacked the U.S.-trained Iraqi police and security personnel who are to guard the polls

The landmark election is for a 275-seat legislature whose primary task will be to approve a new government and draft a permanent constitution. Iragis also are going to the polls to elect local councils for the country's 18 provinces. And in the three autonomous Kurdish regions in northern Iraq, voters will choose a regional, 111-seat assembly.

The massive scale of the elections leaves insurgents with no shortage of potential targets. About 140,000 polling workers will be on duty on election day. There are more than 7,000 candidates running for the National Assembly. If one counts those competing for seats in the Kurdish house and on provincial councils, the total number of candidates jumps to 19,000.

Valenzuela warned that a frenzy of bloodletting would likely cause election workers to abandon their jobs in droves. making a vote impossible

"We are hoping that this won't happen," said Valenzuela, a Colombian who has involved in 14 other elections around the world.

"The intimidation of electoral workers has been quite high and very seri-ous," he told a small group of reporters in Iraq's electoral commission offices inside Baghdad's Green Zone, a heavily fortified area housing the U.S. Embassy and offices of the Iraqi interim government

"Nevertheless, there has been very little mass resignations [of electoral workers]," he said.

Valenzuela said the election commission has thus far had no problem replacing those who have quit.

Last week, however, the U.S. general in charge of security in northern Iraq said virtually every election worker in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, and the surrounding Ninevah province had re-

Brig. Gen. Carter Ham didn't know how many workers there were to begin with, but told reporters that at one point there were essentially none left, forcing an election coordinator to scramble to find replacements.

Valenzuela said only three election workers quit in Mosul. He said he had no figure for the number of resignations nationwide, but insisted it was in the dozens rather than hundreds or thousands.

Already, violence has prevented elec-toral workers from registering voters in the provinces of Anbar and Ninevah. home to insurgent hotbeds like Fallujah, Ramadi and Mosul. Voters from the two provinces will be allowed to register and vote on the same day.

Abductions cause China to warn citizens to avoid Iraq

The Associated Press

BELJING - China on Wednes day warned its public to avoid traveling to Iraq, as diplomats tried to win the release of eight Chinese laborers abducted by Iraqi insurgents.

"Please don't rashly go to Iraq. in order to avoid unforeseeable in cidents," the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The eight abducted Chinese, in-

cluding two teenagers, were shown in a video released Tuesday by insurgents.

The Foreign Ministry said it

had asked for help from Iraqi religious leaders who helped to win the release of other Chinese abducted last year.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao were "concerned about the securi-" of the hostages and had ordered the Foreign Ministry and Chinese Embassy in Iraq to take "effective measures" to rescue

them The latest abductees are from the southeastern coastal province of Fujian, which sends thousands of laborers each year to the Middle East and elsewhere

Xinhua identified the eight men - all from Fujian's Pingtan County - as Zhou Sunqin, 18 Zhou Sunlin, 19, Wei Wu, 20, Lin Xiong, 35, Chen Qin'ai, 37, Lin Zhong, 38, Lin Bin, 39 and and Lin Qiang, 40.

They disappeared last week while leaving Iraq for neighboring Jordan, Xinhua said.

The insurgent group said the abducted Chinese had worked at American sites in Iraq.

Last April, seven men from Fujian were abducted while visit. ing Iraq in search of work and were later released unharmed.



This is a picture released by a British Court Martial allegedly shows Lance Corporal Mark Cooley simulating a punch to an Iraqi detain The photo was used in the courts-martial for three British soldiers from the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers who are charged with mistreatment of

Iraq prisoner abuse condemned by Blair

BY ROBERT BARR The Associated Press

LONDON - Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday the military would not tolerate any abuse of Iraqi prisoners as new graphic photos depicting alleged mistreatment of detainees blared across the front pages of British newspapers.

The photos emerged during the courts martial of three British soldiers charged with abusing prisoners. Some of the pictures show a bound Iraqi being dangled over a loading dock by a forklift and two Iragis stripped and forced to simulate sexual acts together.

"Everyone finds those photographs shocking and appalling and there are simply no other words to describe them," said

"The vast majority of those 65,000 British soldiers who have served in Iraq have done so with with courage with great honor to this country Whilst we express in a unified way I know, our disgust at those pictures, I hope we do not allow that to tarnish the good name fully deserved of our British armed forces?

raised concerns that the photos could be as damaging as the graphic images of mistreatment of detainees by U.S. forces at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Charles Kennedy, leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats, said the photos were "liable to increase the difficulties and dangers for our existing troops, our good and honorable troops, within Iraq.

The photos were released by the military court at a British base in Osnabrueck, Germany, where the three soldiers are on trial. The alleged mistreatment happened as British soldiers sought to re-establish order amid rampant looting in southern Iraq in spring 2003 after the U.S.-led Lance Col. Darren Larkin, 30.

pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of battery after prosecutors alleged he was the man shown in one photo standing with both feet on a tied-up Iraqi lying on the

Cpl. Daniel Kenyon, 33, and Lance Cpl. Mark Cooley, 25, pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Witness: British knew of abuse

The Associated Press

OSNABRUECK, Germany -British military lawyers had to remind commanders in Iraq to prevent assaults on detained civilians after getting several reports of abuse, a witness testified at the court-martial of three soldiers Wednesday.

The alleged mistreatment hap pened as British soldiers sought to re-establish order amid rampant looting in southern Iraq in the spring of 2003 after the U.S.-led invasion.

"A number of allegations were made that these people were not being treated as they should be," the witness. British military lawver Lt Col Nicholas Mercer told the court at a British base in Germany. "We had heard of problems

Defense lawvers sought to argue that the three soldiers didn't have enough guidance about dealing with comm nals as the army shifted from war to policing duties.

They argued the defendants acted under orders, after the camp's commander allegedly is sued a directive — known as Op-eration Ali Baba — to make captured looters "work hard."

Prosecutors have called the order unlawful, a point also raised by the lawyer for Cpl. Daniel Kenyon, the highest-ranking defendant

Helicopters dodge death to complete missions

BY KEN DILANIAN Knight Ridder Newspapers

TAJI, Iraq - The Black Hawk helicopter flew low and fast over the bright lights north of Baghdad, then suddenly the lights were gone. In the darkened cockpit, the two pilots could make out an expanse of date palms through their night-vision goggles.

"Two-point-five kilometers to LZ. Tell him to start the buzz said 28-year-old Capt. Jeremy Loeb, of Hamburg, Pa.

In a clearing 50 feet below, an infantry soldier began twirling a chemical light - mimicking a glowing circular saw — to signal his unit's position to the helicon-

Within seconds, the 10-ton airship hit the ground with a dull thud

Twelve soldiers who'd been huddling in the darkness sprinted toward it and climbed in one by one. Three minutes later, the Black Hawk took off with an enormous whoosh of dust and soared away, engines whining, giant rotors slapping the air. One of the soldiers, having walked and slept on the cold ground for two days in a hunt for insurgents, let out a whoop of joy.

"This is what it's all about picking up cold, tired soldiers and bringing them back for hot chow and a shower," said the second pilot, Warrant Officer Josh Muehlendorf, 29, of Houston.

The Black Hawk's four-person crew from the 1st Cavalry Division had just completed a nighttime extraction, a routine mission in one of the unheralded corners of the Iraq war. Attack and transport helicopters are being used in Iraq with greater frequency and intensity than at any time since Over the last nine months in

Irag, 1st Cavalry aviators have



Army medics at the 86th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad remove an Iraqi patient from a medevac helicopter, Eagle Dustoff 4-1. At right is the crew chief, Sgt. Douglas Study, 23, of Worland, Wyoming. Attack and transport helicopters are being used with greater frequency in Iraq.

had to adapt their tactics to a guerrilla war in urban areas with no front lines. Their predecessor unit saw almost no combat, but as the insurgency spread in 2004 the Cav fought hundreds of air-to-ground gun battles. It's flown more hours in the last nine months than it would in four or five years during peacetime

It's killed hundreds if not thousands of insurgents, and an unknown number of civilians.

The 54-foot-long Black Hawks, armed with manned machine guns on each door, are used to taxi troops, supplies, civilians and VIPs, and to quickly insert or remove soldiers for raids or assaults. The smaller, nimbler Apache Longbows and Kiowa Warriors, bristling with high-tech rockets and cannons, are in the air 24 hours a day to protect and sometimes rescue ground troops.

Medevac helicopters have evacuated thousands of Americans and Iraqis alike, saving countless lives. The soldiers of the aviation unit at this sprawling base a few miles north of Baghdad love to little-publicized tales of medal-winning valor — "real hero stuff." in the words of Col.

James McConville, the Quincy Mass., native who commands 1st Cay's 4th Brigade, the aviation

Outside the Kurdish regions in the north. Iraq is so menacing that pilots will risk their lives rath er than leave a comrade on the ground for even a few minutes to await a pickup by infantry soldiers. While they sometimes drop soccer balls to children, the pilots never leave their fortified compound on the ground, and have almost no contact with regular Iragis. Insurgent violence has erected a wall of mistrust between the Iraqi people and the American

Helicopters fly in pairs, as low and as fast as possible, using no lights at night. Pilots have learned not to hover for even a few seconds, to avoid giving insurgents a target. Those tactics were a marked change for Apaches which were built to hover high above the earth in large formations behind advancing ground forces and launch Hellfire missiles at enemy tanks, as they did in the Persian Gulf War. During the March 2003 Iraqi in-

vasion, the old methods led to an Apache being shot down and two pilots captured.

Explosive collection in Afghanistan

Recovered arms pile up in Herat

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

HERAT. Afghanistan - Be tween the majestic snow-capped mountains of the Band-e Baba Range and the historic city of Herat in western Afghanistan looms a powerful menace of man's making.

"If this went off," Mark Holrovd said, "all the windows in Herat would probably shatter

Not every household in Herat has windows, but the observation is enough to make even the coolest of the cool sweat at the thought

Holroyd, an explosive ord-nance technician for Ronco Consulting Corp., calls it "the biggest open-air arms cache in the world." There are about 8.000 tons of explosives - an estimate he characterizes as conservative on the ground and under 24-hour guard. Much more was here, and much more is expected to arrive in the coming months

The cache is the result of a United Nations program, with U.S. military assistance, to disarm the warring militias in western Afghanistan, Dubbed Task Force Saber, the effort began in August and by October tons of ammuni tion started being consolidated in a field east of Herat

"When I first came here," Holrovd said as he stood near the cache, "it was the scariest place I had ever seen."

Much of the ammo came from the town's 700-year-old citadel, controlled by Ismail Khan, the regional warlord who is now a minister in the Afghan government The storage site, estimated to be three to four acres in size, includes a wide array of arms, from bullets to 1,000-pound bombs. Crates and other containers indicate the stuff was manufactured in the former Soviet Union Pakistan, the United States and a handful of other nations.



Mark Holroyd of Ronco Consulting Corp., a commercial firm hired by the United Nations, and U.S. Army Capt. Chris Kennedy survey a pile of 1,000-pound bombs at a munitions storage site outside of Herat, Afghanistan. The ammunition, estimated to be at least 8,000 tons, will either be destroyed or turned over to the Afghan National Army for use. The cache is believed to be the largest open-air storage site in the world.

The team assembled to handle the ammo sorts it out and then determines what the Afghan Nation. al Army can use and what should be destroyed. Every day, Holroyd said, the team blows up roughly 70 tons of ammo. Since more is still being turned in, Holroyd figures the job will take about a

One of the U.S. soldiers involved in the program is Capt. Chris Kennedy of the 25th Infantry Division, based in Hawaii.

"I did something close to this in Bosnia," Kennedy said. never to this magnitude. This is five times the size that I saw in Bosnia."

Those who see it for the first time are amazed at such a sea of destructive power.

"I wish I had my camera," Spc. Dean Brazzell, 151st Infantry Battalion, Indiana National Guard said as he climbed a small hill to get a better look.

Largely absent from the cache are AK-47 rounds and rocket-propelled grenades.



44 If this went off, all the windows in Herat would probably shatter.

Mark Holroyd Explosive ordnance technician

"That's disturbing," said Army Col. Randy Smith, head of the Regional Command Area Group-West, "because that's the weapon of choice for terrorist activities."

Still, Smith is pleased with the results so far, though he admits: "We don't think we've scratched the surface yet.

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Weapons turnover resumes in valley

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Officials have resumed collecting weapons from a powerful Afghan faction after an arson attack and an attempted bombing that targeted the disarmament program, the United Nations said Wednesday.

Three small bombs were found last week on vehicles being used to collect tanks, armored personnel carriers and other weapons from the Panjshir Valley, north of the capital, Kabul, the U.N.-run Afghanistan's New Beginnings Program said. A day later, two heavy cranes and a truck were set

on fire.

It didn't say who exactly was suspected in the attacks, or the extent of the damage, but the program was moving ahead after community leaders and local offi cials pledged to "respect the work of the heavy weapons team and protect them from any criminal

Officials began collecting weapons on Jan. 9 from the Panjshir, the mountain stronghold of famed anti-Taliban and anti-Soviet commander Ahmad Shah Massood the last leg of a drive to gather all the heavy weapons in Afghanistan and draw a line under its vio-

The valley was a key base for Shura-e-Nazar, a faction dominated by the late Massood's fellow ethnic Tajiks at the core of the Northern Alliance which helped the United States drive out the Talihan more than three years

Massood's political heir, Mohammed Fahim, was dropped as Afghanistan's defense minister last year after being accused of dragging his feet over disarma-

The collection program runs alongside a belated plan to disarm some 40,000 to 60,000 militia fighters to make way for the country's new, American-trained national army.

Karzai asks for NATO help during spring elections

BY WARD SANDERSON Stars and Strings

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has asked international peacekeepers to provide security for his country's spring parliamentary elections, though it's unclear when exactly they will take place

"During our elections, ISAF provided protections for voters," Karzai was quoted as saving in a news release, referring to NATO's International Security Assistance Force. "I am sure that same security will be provided for the parliamentary elec-

Initially, they were to take place concurrently with October's presidential elections, which Karzai handily won, but the second election was rescheduled for April because of security worries. The date didn't stick because of rules governing how soon the country's electoral landscape must be manned prior to an election International officials nonetheless said they expect the elections will happen in April or May. For its part, NATO

said it would provide security as it did during the presidential involved in the scheduling "This is not NATO's

call to suggest the timing," said an alliance spokeswoman in Brussels, Belgium, under customary condition of anonymity. "We

would accept whatev er the government decides, together with the United Nations.'

The spokeswoman said she did not know whether American troops will be directly

involved with the NATO election mission but some U.S. troops did work with the ISAF during October's presidential voting. Most of the Americans work under Operation Enduring Freedom, which focuses on hunting down terrorists but also engages in reconstruction work.

"The United States are the leading nation for the OEF mission," the alliance spokeswoman said. "They had a lot of troops there [for presidential elections]."

A spokesman at the alliance's military eadquarters in Mons, Belgium, U.S. Air Force Capt. Virgil Magee, said he was unsure how many Americans might be on election duty.

Last year, as many as 1.100 additional U.S. troops from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division deployed to help. That meant about 18,000 Americans served in the country at the time. The alliance sent two additional battalions of about 1.800 troops.

The NATO troops primarily are working to keep the capital, Kabul, secure but they have begun expanding into other regions through provincial reconstruction teams. Karzai has previously called for increas-

ing numbers of international troops in the country. His recent speech to NATO personnel, however, focused on giving thanks for troops there now.

"It is because of your effort that we are where we are today," he said earlier this month. "It is because of the blood that some soldiers shed that this country is more stable and that we have democracy. Our people vote now, but it has not come without a cost. This is something we will remember forever in this country.

"Afghan citizens are once again the owners of Afghanistan and we know how important that is and we are grateful.

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Members of the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team twirl their rifles as they perform at Tuesday's "Saluting Those Who Serve" concert that honored members of the armed forces as part of the 55th presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Bush tips his hat to troops

President gives personal thanks to U.S. fighting forces at star-studded event at Washington arena

By PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - It was bitter cold outside, but servicemembers inside the MCI Center basked in the warmth of praise from their commander in chief as inauguration festivities kicked off in the nation's capital Tuesday.

Taking the stage toward the end of the two-hour "Saluting Those Who Serve" program at Washington's premier sports and concert venue, President Bush told the 7,000-plus troops in attendance that America is indebted to

"I can think of no better way to begin [the inauguration] than to celebrate our freedom and to thank those who make it possi-

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Meanwhile, backstage Kelsev Grammer was on in 20 minutes, and disaster struck. He

couldn't find his pants. Grammer, Dr. Frasier Crane of television's legendary series

"Cheers" and the successful spin-off "Frasier," lurched around backstage at the MCI Center with his unique gait, calling out for members of his staff.

"I don't have my pants!" he repeated as several color guard members carrying state flags walked past. "Yes, how are you? Good to

Finally, an assistant showed up 'What size are those? I need 36-33.

Several security members offered their trousers as they looked

"Let me have those," Grammer finally told his assistant. They disappeared back into his dressing room. Such is the price for hanging out with stars.

Bush ended the star-studded event by listing the U.S. military's achievements in the global war on terror, including elections in Afghanistan and soon, Iraq.

"These are landmark events in

history, and none of this would have been possible without the United States Armed Forces *

Servicemembers from each branch, as well as family members and guests, watched as host Kelsey Grammer marshalled mu-





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President Bush stands with Capt. Brian Chontosh, center, and Corp. Klayton South, right, at the beginning of Tuesday's "Saluting Those Who Serve" concert at the MCI Center in Washington.

sicians, comedians and special guests who read letters sent home by troops in conflicts from the Civil War to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Country singer John Michael Montgomery had a slightly differ-ent take with his song "Letters From Home

Air Force Maj. Patrick Clements of Epworth, Iowa, who has deployed for operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, said the song has special meaning for those in the field.

"That song hits home. It hits home hard. Until you've de-ployed, you just have no idea" "Saturday Night Live" impres-

sionist Darryl Hammond was on hand, and noting how he loved being surrounded by thousands of troops, dared a bully he went to sixth grade with to "come kick my ass now!'

Hammond told Stripes backstage why he wanted to be there. "My dad was in the Korean War, and I'm partial to what they go through. We can't protect ourselves against the bad guys - we depend on them. Think about what we love. College games, the [NFL] playoffs, the World Series

nothing happens without them'

David Letterman appeared in a taped segment with his trademark Top Ten list — signs your commanding officer may be nuts
— including No. 5, "Brags he went through basic training with Cap'n Crunch"; and No. 1, "Everything stops when 'Oprah'

Army Sgt. Phillip Ware, 26, of SEE SALUTE ON PAGE 8

Political bug bites Lynn Swann

You heard it here first folks: Former Pittsburgh Steelers great Lynn Swann says he is planning a run for governor of Pennsylvania.

The acrobatic wide receiver and NFL Hall of Famer won four Super Bowls with the Steelers. He spoke with Stripes backstage as he waited to go on to read a letter from a slave-soldier in the Civil War, writing home to his wife.

Asked what he had to say to readers in Iraq and Afghanistan, he said:

"To all the Pennsylvanians over there, if they're home in 2006: If I run for governor, I

Asked if he was ready to declare his candidacy, Swann would only say that he is "filing paperwork, going through

want their vote!"

the process." But he was ready to pick winners for this weekend's conference finals. No surprise here: "Steelers and Eagles. It'll be an all-Pennsylvania Super Bowl!"

- Pat Dickson

Washington, a radio repairman who said he is deploying in 2006, laughed along, but turned serious when asked about his future.

'I have mixed feelings [about denloving1 — we have soldiers dying left and right. But I signed

IRR delays hold up Army's empty war slots

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Half the Individual Ready Reserves men bers given orders by the Army to fight the war on terror have asked for either a delay or an exemption to the order, and Army officials are approving the majority — 66

percent — of the requests.

Hundreds of other IRR memmeanwhile, simply have failed to show up at deployment stations when ordered to do so.

And instead of declaring the scofflaws as leave," or AWOL, the Army is choosing to give these people "the benefit of the doubt." Lt. Col. Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman in the Pentagon, said in a Tuesday interview.

The combination of IRR deferments and no-shows is slowing the Army's effort to fill critical slots in deploying units.

"It would be fair to say there's a delay." Hart said.

Nevertheless, "the [Army] leadership is not alarmed" by the state of the IRR call-up. Hart

"We haven't even called the we were authorized to call," Hart

In January 2004, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said the Army could call up to 6,500 people from the IRR in order to fill empty slots in units mostly r Iraq and Afghanistan.

The IRR is a category of ser-vicemembers who have left ac-

tive duty or active reserves service but still have time left on their obligation to serve.

With the intention of minimizing the disruption to civilians no longer in uniform, Army officials said they "scrubbed the lists" of requests to pinpoint 4,402 "absolutely must-fill" positions.

Knowing that not everyone called would make the cut, the same officials decided to send orders to 5,674 IRR members to report for training and deployment, process that will extend through March 2005

But attrition is turning out to be higher than Army officials had anticinated

Of the 3.845 mobilization orders sent to IRR members as of Dec. 28, 1,919 people requested either a delay or an exemption from the deployment, Hart said.

An adjudication board at the Ar-Human Resources Command in St. Louis has approved 1.258 of the requests, Hart said.

Only 85 requests have been disapproved, while 576 requests are pending a decision.

Meanwhile, another 452 IRR members who were supposed to report to their mobilization stations before Dec. 28 not only did not contact the board, they did not show up at all.

They failed to report "for vary-ing reasons," Hart said, such as not understanding that they have a legal obligation to do so, cause Army personnel officials "did not have the correct mailing

However, the Army "hasn't cat egorized anyone in AWOL status," Hart said, and is not movin to prosecute or punish any IRR member who did not report as ordered

Instead, officials in the Army's Human Resource Command "is contacting [these 452 people] by phone ... to inform them of their different options," such as formally requesting an exemption or delay, Hart said.

Asked why the Army officials appear to be treating the IRR so leniently, Hart replied, "This is a special group of people."

"We're being compassionate with this group of individuals, and giving them the benefit of the doubt," she said.

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Salute: Troops thought show iust 'awesome'

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up for this, and sometimes, like a running back, you gotta square your shoulders and charge into the line

Navy Corpsman Neath Williams, 23, of Bowling Green, Ky., followed his Marines throughout Iraq last year, including nasty stints outside Baghdad and Nasiriyah. He loved the event, and pointed out how the Marines stood for the Navy's official song "Anchors Aweigh" and laughed when various services roared when they were mentioned. "It's pretty amazing to see all

the guys from the different services. And we get to see the president. It's pretty awesome! Marine Sgt. Levi Halford, 23, of

Orlando, Fla., who teaches field communications to officers at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia, was nervous at first about coming.
"It seemed like a good place to

attack, the inauguration, but it's an honor to be here

Halford was in Afghanistan with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, and was somewhat less enthusiastic than the president about our successes there.

"It's gonna be many years before it can stand on its own two feet Some of the people on stage

read historic letters home. Others, including the president's fa-ther, George H. W. Bush, read

One such person was Lt. Kathy McConkey Zeller, an Army Reserve nurse, who read a letter she from Afghanistan last

"Soldiers here become frustrated that Afghanistan isn't mentioned more often on CNN. They feel people think they are fighting 'last year's war' and that they are being forgotten. Clements worried about that

same thing. "I just want to tell [those de-

ployed] 'Thank you.' And I'll be back. Keep the tent warm."

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Singer Hilary Duff performs at Tuesday's pre-inaugural event "America's Future Rocks Today - A Call to Service" youth event at the armory in Washington, D.C.

Duff goes extra mile for military families

BY BRIAN BOWERS Stars and Strines

Amid the preteens squealing to the beat at Tuesday's "America's Future Rocks Today" concert were 16 military family members invited by pop singer Hilary Duff.

The pre-inaugural event, featuring a constellation of pop stars and a visit by President Bush. was a flashy break for children whose parents have been deployed six to nine months each year since 9/11, said Patricia Driscoll, president of the Armed Forces Foundation, which helped arrange for the concert tickets and meet-and-greet session.

Duff typically invites 50 to 100 military family members to her concerts because she wants to help troops and encourage their "I think that it was some thing that we wanted to do to give " she said Monday

Duff also has visited wounded troops at military hospitals, including a stop at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., earlier this week.

them," she said. "They make me feel so grateful They are truly hernes

Such celebrity events grab attention for the Armed Forces Foundation but its biggest efforts individual families touch Driscoll estimates it has belned about 10,000 military families since the war on terrorism began.

The foundation's efforts range from fishing events to helping families cope with the trauma of combat wounds, Driscoll said. A major initiative helps families pay hotel bills during time spent with hospitalized troops.

Marine Lt. Col. Jim Byrne, who has worked with wounded Marines at Bethesda, said the foundation has paid for a block of rooms at the base's Navy Lodge for visiting family members.

"It's very helpful for these Marines to have their family members to help them get better,' Byrne said.

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Possessing andro now against the law

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON - Throw out those androstenedione products right now; as of today, they're illegal to own.

As of Thursday, federal regulators are classifying the pro-hormone androstenedione as a schedule III controlled substance, meaning purchase and posses sion of the body-building product is permitted only with a doctor's prescription.

Department of Defense officials said any servicemember caught with the chemical will be in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Androstenedione supplements, which produce extra testosterone when ingested, have been available over the counter for years as a way to increase muscle mass, and gained extra attention after Mark McGwire admitted to using the pro-hormone during his record-setting 1998 baseball sea-

But Col. Vincent F. Carr. the Air Force's chief consultant for internal medicine services, said the classification change of the drug reflects the dangerous side ef fects federal regulators have discovered in the last few years.

"It's the classic symptoms of too much testosterone: In men it's too much aggression, blood pressure increase, cholesterol increase, increased likelihood of coronary disease, and testicular atrophy," he said. "The female problems are things like male pattern baldness and hypertension, as well as the blood pressure and coronary disease.

Androstenedione is available by prescription, but Carr called that merely a classification issue. He said no doctor would prescribe more than 20 mg of the chemical, and that is too small an amount to produce muscle-building results

Carr said he does not anticinate the new ban creating any significant problems for troops. Military exchanges across the globe phased out the last of their andro products more than a month ago, and Carr said he hasn't heard many recent reports of andro use

"We still get folks once in a while who buy it and use it, but for the vast majority of the military it isn't an issue," Carr said. "Once the word got out that these substances were problems, many just stopped using them."

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Some Nebraska veterans losing state benefits

LINCOLN, Neb. - After serving in Operation Desert Storm, Micha-

el Chavez left the Army in 1991 with a general discharge. Several times since his return to Shelton in southern Nebraska, the concrete worker has received state veterans aid to help pay rent and

utilities. But in October, when he went seeking help with rent, he was denied because he did not have an honorable discharge. Chavez, 39, is among an unknown number of veterans in Nebraska

with general military discharges who are caught in the middle of a change in state policy that has locked them out of benefits and programs they had access to in the past. To qualify under federal law for benefits such as property tax exemp-

tions, admittance to veterans homes and emergency financial aid, veterans are required to have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, which includes general and honorable discharges.

Most states use similar language, but not Nebraska. Nebraska law says to receive state benefits a veteran must have an honorable discharge or its equivalent.

From wire reports

AF plane collides with crop-duster

FREDERICK, Okla. - An Air Force training jet and a small plane collided Tuesday over southwest-ern Oklahoma, killing the plane's pilot, authorities

said. Both military pilots paractuted to safety.

The T-37 training jet from Sheppard Air Force
Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, struck the private plane
over a rural area southeast of Frederick, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Clabes said.

By mid-afternoon, the crash site had been cordoned off by military personnel

The two military pilots suffered only minor injuries after parachuting to the ground. A base spokesman said he did not know what caused the collision, which happened at about 5,000 feet. The National Transpor-

ation Safety Board was to investigate.
The dead pilot was identified by Air Tractor as Dierk Nash, 43, the owner of a flying service in Wheat ley, Ark. The Air Force pilots were identified as Capt. Christopher S. Otis and 2nd Lt. Roderick V. James. Officials did not release their ages or hometowns



The remains of an Air Force jet that collided with a crop duster plane is seen in a field near Frederick, Okla., on Tuesday.

Military academy applications drop

BY DOUGLASS DOWTY McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Matt Arreola of Visalia hails from the post-9/11 generation.

The Navy midshipman entered a U.S. military academy in the af-termath of the attacks on Washington and New York. He and his wartime cohorts are cognizant of the messy conflict in Iraq that rages with no end in sight.

"The reality that our friends and leaders may give their life sometime in the next couple of years is a sobering feeling," Arreola said

Yet Arreola's class may also mark the peak of post-attack patri-otism. Incoming U.S. service academy applications for the Class of 2009 are down precipitously from the year before. This marks the first time since 9/11 that academy applications have dropped.

West Point, applications as of mid-January are down 16 per-cent compared to the same time last year. The Air Force Academy has seen a 28 percent drop this year from the total pool a year ago with about two weeks left in the admissions cycle. The Naval Academy is experiencing a simitions immediately following 9/11
— which we attributed to the outpouring of patriotism as a result of the acts of terrorism on Ameri-can soil," said West Point spokesman Maj. Mike D'Aquino. "Our applicant pool numbers are now in line again with pre-9/11 appli cations, so we believe the initial

spike has ended." Military academy admissions pose some unusual hurdles for applicants; including, for many, the necessity of obtaining a recom mendation from a member of Con-

While applications at service academies have declined since 2002, the numbers of qualified candidates have actually in-creased, suggesting a crop more focused and determined on mili-

tary service, not academics.
The acceptance rate at West Point was higher in 2004 than any other point in recent history D'Aquino asserted that who are applying are applying because they want to enter [West Point] and become a commis-sioned officer to lead our nation."

At the Air Force Academy, the number of applicants dropped by 24 percent during the past two vears, even as the number of those considered qualified rose 4

Citadel president to retire in August

CHARLESTON, S.C. - John Grinalds, who as president of The Citadel helped the state military college move forward after its tumultuous fight over the admission of women, said Tuesday he is retiring as of Aug. 1.

Grinalds, 67, a retired Marine major general, came to the school in August 1997 when it was routinely in the national headlines bejoining its formerly all-male corps of cadets.

"With the tireless work of many people, especially those who have been in the corps of cadets since 1996, we have arrived at the point where the corps of cadets is coeducational and all students, regardless of gender, are considered cadets, period," Grinalds said.

There are now more than 120

In additional to Grinalds' departure, commandant Emory Mace, whose daughter was the Citadel's first female graduate, said earlier this month that he wants to retire. Mace has been third in command at the school for eight years

The college's Board of Visitors has begun the search for a new president.



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Indonesia declares 70,000 more deaths

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Indonesia's Health Ministry on Wednesday declared as dead more than 70,000 people previously listed as missing, significantly raising its estimate for the death toll from last month's tsunami.

If confirmed, the Health Ministry count would bring the number of dead in Indonesia to 166,320 - and the overall toll in 11 countries to as many as 221,100 dead from the Dec. 26 disaster

But the ministry's number differed sharply from others released by the Indonesian government. The Social Affairs Ministry has been keeping a count that on Wednesday stood at 114,978 dead and 12.132 missing.

The Associated Press has used the Social Affairs Ministry count for its tally of the tsunami dead. The total compiled by AP from governments in each country is at least 162 228 dead

The United Nations on Tuesday listed the number of dead in the Dec. 26 disaster

Indonesia is not the only country suffering from confusion in the count. In Sri Lanka, the Public Security Ministry and National Disaster Management Center have put out tolls of 38.195 and 30.920, respectively. The AP total is based on the disaster center's number.

Officials have frequently cautioned that compiling accurate figures for the dead or missing is almost impossible, and that a definitive total of dead may never

U.N. calls for united tsunami-alert system

KOBE, Japan - With multiple nations putting forward projects for a tsu-nami-warning system, the United Na-tions said Wednesday that it should set up the system and extend it globally, but the United States voiced doubts about

the U.N. ability to run such a program.

The Asian tsunami disaster demonstrated with terrifying power the need for an alert system in the Indian Ocean and other parts of the world, but the outpouring of support to build one has gen-erated a plethora of overlapping pro-

Amid the confusion, U.N. officials at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan, called Wednes-day for coordination of efforts — and insisted on their own central role in marshaling the expertise and setting up the

American officials, however, ques-tion the ability of the United Nations to

coordinate the program.

The United Nations "has to prove it has the capacity to do so," said Mark Lagon, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state

- The Associated Press

Yusrizal, an official with Indonesia's Health Ministry, said it reached the much higher figure by cross checking numbers



With the help of elephants, a team of salvagers retrieve useful pieces of timber Tuesday from the areas destroyed by last month's tsunami in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

at the a government task force center in Banda Aceh, the central point of relief efforts, and the Home Affairs Department. Like many Indonesians, Yusrizal used just one name

The ministry gave no breakdown of age or gender of the dead.

On Tuesday President Susilo Rambang Yudhoyono ordered his government's var-ious departments to work together to come up with a definitive death toll. Officials in Yudhoyono's office were not immediately available for comment late Wednesday.

Cuba no-smoking rules HAVANA - Despite its reputa-

tion as a producer of fine cigars, Cuba is preparing to ask smokers to step outside before lighting up.

Beginning on Feb. 7, smoking will be prohibited in theaters, stores, buses, taxis and other enclosed public areas under a new resolution published in Cuba's National Gazette by the Commerce

Smoking also will be banned in indoor restaurants except in designated smoking areas. Cigarette machines will be taken down

There was no word if smoking would be allowed in bars

Israel-Palestinian talks

JERUSALEM - Israeli and Palestinian security officials planned to meet late Wednesday to discuss ways of stopping Palestinian rocket fire in the northern Gaza Strip, Israeli officials said.

The meeting follows a spike in violence in the Gaza Strip, including repeated rocket attacks and a suicide bombing that killed an Israeli security agent Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had halted contacts with the new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, after attackers killed six Israeli civilians at a Gaza checkpoint last week. Israel has threatened to carry out a major reprisal, but has so far held off to give Abbas time to take action against militants. Sharon met with his security

Cabinet on Wednesday afternoon. Participants, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the deci-

sion to resume security contacts was made at the meeting.

From The Associated Press

Europeans look to Bush with wary hope

By DAVID MCHUGH

The Associated Press

BERLIN - Many Europeans didn't want a second term for President Bush, but as his inauguration approaches they're warily hopeful for more cooperation with the U.S. leader and his new foreign policy team led by Condoleez-

Beyond resolving the quagmire in Iraq, the list of issues important to European governments includes the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Iran's nuclear program, climate change and the weak U.S. dollar squeezing European exporters.

Rice's move to the State Department, an upcoming Bush visit to Europe, and an awareness that U.S. presidents sometimes moderate their outlook in a second term have all raised a sense of modest opportunity.

But, Europeans ask, will there now be more willingness to work through multilateral institutions such as the United Nations - something they feel was lacking in the first Bush term when trans-Atlantic relations were often

Rice, whose confirmation hearings began Tuesday, is tied to the Iraq war from the first Bush term and for her widely quoted comment that the United States should "punish France, ignore Germany and forgive Russia' for their opposition to the war.

Europeans are now wondering which Rice will show up as secretary of state: the loyal national security advisor from the time of the Iraq war, or the former Stanford University

provost who co-wrote a book about German reunification and was "the very good friend of Euin the words of German strategic analyst Michael Kolkmann

There is considerable anticipation for next month's planned Bush trip to Brussels, Germany, and Slovakia, where he is to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin.

What will Bush hear from leaders like Ger-hard Schroeder? Reflecting a willingness to put the past behind — and ask for something in return - the German chancellor on Monday dismissed his bitter dispute with Bush over Iraq as "a little bit of history" and called for joint progress in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

That "can be done only if the United States of America gets involved more strongly in this process," Schroeder said, adding that "Europe has a role and will play that role."

Pilgrims' prayers



Pilgrims pass by fruit vendors as they leave noon prayers at Arafat outside Mecca, Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday. More than 2 million pilgrims headed to Arafat for the annual hajj pilgrimage.

Official: Catholic Church in Spain changes stance on use of condoms

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain - In a substantial shift from traditional policv. the spokesman for the Catholic Church in Spain has said it supports the use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS.

"Condoms have a place in the global prevention of AIDS," Juan Antonio Martinez Camino, spokesman for the Spanish Bishops Conference, told reporters after a meeting Tuesday with Health Minister Elena Salgado to discuss ways of fighting the disease.

The Catholic Church has re peatedly rebuffed campaigns for it to endorse the use of condoms in the fight against AIDS. The Vatican states that condoms, be-cause they are a form of artificial birth control, cannot be used to help prevent the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Martinez Camino said the church's stance was backed by the scientific world. He cited a recent study by experts in the medical magazine Lancet that support-ed the so-called "ABC" approach of abstinence, being faithful to partners and using condoms.

Martinez Camino met health minister as a representative of the church, though it was unclear whether he was express-ing the official view of the church.

IN THE STATES

Protesters plan to greet Bush inauguration

BY MARTHA MENDOZA

The Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — While U.S. President George W. Bush's supporters celebrate his inauguration Thursday, thousands of protesters around the United States aim to hit the streets with demonstrations and rallies against the returning administration.

"There are some in this country who are just not in the mood to let the president have his day in the sun," said James Hudnut-Beumler, dean of Vanderbilt University's Divinity School and an expert in protest movements.

Although Bush was met with protesters when he was sworn in in 2001, inaugural protests are rare historically, Hudnut-Beumler said. "Presidents are usually given an opportunity in their inauguration address to try to claim the affections and interests of the whole nation, including people who didn't vote for

But in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle, organizers expect thousands of demonstrators to gather on Thursday for speeches and rallies. In dozens of smaller communities rallies, marches

and demonstrations are also planned. Former Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern is the featured speaker at a demonstration planned for Santa Cruz.

For some demonstrators, the reasons to protest are simple.

"We're objecting to Bush being reinstalled as president of the United States. He's illegitimate," said Carol Brouillet of

Palo Alto, Calif., who plans to spend Thursday in downtown San Francisco displaying huge panels of photographs of soldiers killed in Iraq. Brouillet, who believes Bush used the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, as a pretext for an illegal war, has shown the photos at various demonstra-

Others said they were seeking comfort in numbers.

"We don't feel that Bush's supposed mandate represents us.

Maybe this is just therapy for us for feeling helpless and hapless," said veterinarian Paul Makidon of Ann Arbor, Michi-

In addition to street protests, some anti-Bush groups are calling for a daylong economic boycott, pressing critics to stay home from work and not spend any money.

Police in many communities said they are prepared for the outcry, and have been working with protest organizers on march routes and other plans.



The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Relishing history as he awaited his second oath-taking, President Bush paused amid celebratory galas Wednesday to contemplate America's most treasured historical documents, including George Washington's inaugural speech.

Asked whether he was feeling the history of the moment,

Bush said, "Absolutely."
He and Laura Bush studied original versions of the Declaration of Independence so faded that most signatures were illegible, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and Washington's address and Bible.

The sense of history was palpable in the dimly lit, dome-shaped room in the National Archives. A portrait of the Founding Fathers gazed down on the president, his wife and their entourage.

Top presidential adviser Karl Rove said Bush was "focused, upbeat, optimistic" about the job at hand; four more years in the Oval Office, starting Thursday, when he will be sworn in anew for a second term.

"Anybody's who concerned with creating a legacy will fall short if he's not focused ... on the right policy and service to the country," Rove told The Associated Press.



Senate panel OKs Rice as secretary of state

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted Wednesday to confirm Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state after two days of hearings in which she faced strenuous Democratic assaults on the Bush administration's handling of Iraq.

Pending approval by the full Senate, Rice would be the first black woman to hold the job. She was confirmed by a 16-2 vote with Democrats John Kerry and Barbara Boxer voting no.



seph Biden. said they were reluctantly voting to ele-vate Rice to the nation's

top diplomatic job. A vote by the full Senate was expected by Thursday. As the committee voted, Secre-

Democrats, including "You were my troops, you were ranking America's troops," the former Army general said. "You are the member Jos

carriers of America's values. He called Rice "a dear friend" and said she would bring "gifted leadership" to the department.

Rice surmounted two days of sometimes contentious questioning - mostly by Democrats - on the administration's prosecution

At her hearing Wednesday, Rice acknowledged "there were

ministration on Iraq, as Democrats pressed her on whether the reasons for going to war were mis-

leading

Rice insisted that Saddam Hussein was a dictator who refused to account for weapons of mass destruction. And it was impossible to change the nature of a terror threat in the Middle East with him leading Iraq, she testified.

But Boxer would not be shaken off, even after Rice acknowledged to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that "there were some bad decisions" taken by the

She accused Rice of "an unwillingness to give Americans the full story because selling the war was so important to Dr. Rice. That was her job.

And now, Boxer said, the toll of American dead and wounded is the "direct result" of Bush administration "rigidness" and misstate-

Riden challenged Rice to acknowledge administration mistakes on Iraq and said he would vote for her confirmation, but only with "some frustration and reservation.

Calif. executes man for double murder

BY DAVID KRAVETS The Associated Press

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. - Prison officials executed a three-time murderer early Wednesday, making him the 11th inmate put to death in California since capital punishment was reinstated in

Donald Beardslee, 61, was executed by injection for killing two women in 1981 while on parole for a third slaying. Officials said he did not make a statement.

The execution came only hours after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger rejected a clemency petition seeking to commute the death sentence to life without parole, and the Supreme Court rejected two last-minute anneals

Beardslee's lawyers claimed he suffered from brain maladies when he killed Stacey Benjamin, 19, and Patty Geddling, 23, to avenge a soured \$185 drug deal

His appeals before the Su-preme Court included claims that injection constitutes cruel-and-unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment, and that jurors were unfairly influenced when they rendered the death verdict.

The governor also rejected a request for a 120-day delay of the execution sought by defense lawyers who wanted the time to reopen the case before a federal

tary of State Colin Powell bid fare-

court. "Nothing in his petition or the record of his case convinces me that he did not understand the

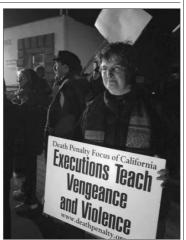
gravity of his actions that or these heinous murders were wrong," Schwarzen egger said in a state-ment. "I do not believe

the



ercise of clemency in this case. Beardslee, a machinist, served seven years in Missouri for murdering a woman whom he met at a St. Louis bar and killed the same evening. After being re-leased, he killed Benjamin and Geddling

No California governor has granted clemency to a condemned murderer since then-Gov. Ronald Reagan spared a severely brain-damaged killer in 1967



J.D. Benson, right, of Oakland, Calif., holds a sign opposing the death penalty Tuesday night outside of San Quentin State Prison in San Quentin, Calif. Convicted killer Donald Beardslee, an inmate at San Quentin, was executed by lethal injection at San Quentin early Wednesday.

Poe remembered by fan

BALTIMORE — The mystery man was dressed for the cold rather than tradition, and some spectators were not quite as respectful as in years past.

But for the 56th year, a man stole into a locked graveyard early on Edgar Allan Poe's birthday and placed three roses and a half-empty bottle of cognac on the writer's grave in Baltimore

Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House and Museum, who has seen the mysterious visitor every Jan. 19 since 1976, gathered with about 20 people Tuesday night to glimpse the ritual in sub-20 degree temperature.

No one, not even Jerome, knows the identity of the so-called "Poe Toaster." The visit was first documented in 1949, a century after Poe's death.

This year, some spectators entered the locked cemetery; others confronted Jerome after the stranger left and demanded that he reveal his identity.

Columbine-like plot

BROCKTON, Mass. - A teen accused of plotting a Colum-bine-style massacre at Marshfield High School was freed on \$20,000 bail after a judge ruled he posed no threat to the community

Judge Suzanne DelVecchio ordered Joseph Nee to stay away from all Marshfield schools and school-related activities. She also set a 9 p.m.-to-6 a.m. curfew, or-dered him to finish his senior year with tutors and to undergo random drug tests

D.C. standoff ends

WASHINGTON threatening to blow up his van waged a standoff with authorities ort distance from the White House on Tuesday, triggering the evacuation of several blocks of downtown on the first day of inaugural activities.

The episode, which ended peacefully about four hours later, did not appear to be related to terrorism or the inauguration but instead to a family matter, authori-ties said. The response — hundreds of officers, armored vehicles, snipers on rooftops, instant road closings — underscored the tight security in Washington.

The man, whom police identified Tuesday night as Lowell Tim-mers, 54, of Cedar Springs, Mich., about 20 miles north of Grand Rapids, was charged with violat-ing a federal law that prohibits "any threat" to do harm or damage with fire or explosives. From wire services

Judge: Suits can't pursue Saudi Arabia for 9/11

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The kingdom of Saudi Ara bia, three Saudi princes and several Saudi financial institutions were dismissed as defen dants in six civil lawsuits accusing them of providing support to al-Qaida before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Judge Richard Casey said Tuesday that the

president, not the courts, has the authority to label a foreign nation a terrorist, though he said he understood the "desire to find a legal remedy for the horrible wrongs committed on Sept. 11, 2001.3

The lawsuits alleged more than 200 defendants provided material support to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida. Defendants included al-Qaida, its members and associates, charities, banks, front organizations, terrorist organizations and financiers who allegedly sup ported al-Oaida.

The judge said the plaintiffs failed to provide sufficient facts to overcome the kingdom of Saudi Arabia's immunity. He said Saudi Arabia maintains it has worked with the United States to share information in the fight

He also noted the State Department has not designated the kingdom a state sponsor of terrorism, and that the Sept. 11 commission found no evidence Saudi Arabia place of bin Laden and 15 of the 19 hijackers funded or supported the Sept. 11 terrorists.

The judge also dismissed as defendants Saudi defense minister Prince Sultan, Saudi ambassador to London Prince Turki and Prince Mohamed Al-Faisal Al-Saud, among others

"The court has reviewed the complaints in their entirety and finds no allegations from which it can infer that the princes knew the charities to which they donated were fronts for al-Oaida." Casey said. "Here, there are no such factual bases presented, there are only conclusions" The judge permitted lawsuits to proceed

against the Saudi Binladen Group, the successor to a construction company founded by bin Laden's father, which is now one of the largest engineering and construction companies in the Arab world.

He said additional legal discovery would be necessary to decide whether the Saudi Binladen Group "purposefully directed its activities at the United States."

Among financial institutions dismissed as defendants were Al Rajhi Bank, which has nearly 400 branch offices throughout Saudi Arabia; Saudi American Bank, the second largest bank in Saudi Arabia; and Arab Bank which has headquarters in Egypt with branch offices throughout the world.

Casey said he found no basis for a bank's lia bility for injuries resulting from attacks funded by money passing through it on routine banking business.

Insanity defense likely at stolen baby trial

BY KEVIN MURPHY AND KAREN DILLON Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Five times she faked pregnancies. At least once her stomach grew hard and large like an expectant mother's, even though she was incapable of having children

Desperate for a child, she killed an expectant mother and stole her baby, according to a grand jury indictment.

Now, a jury may have to decide whether Lisa Montgomery was insane or should be held responsible for her alleged actions. Montgomery is accused of strangling

Bobbie Jo Stinnett in Skidmore, Mo., last month and cutting her fetus of eight months from the womb

Montgomery, of Melvern, Kan., will be

Kansas woman is accused of strangling Missouri mom, cutting fetus out of womb

arraigned Thursday, and lawyers and psychiatrists said pleading not guilty by rea son of insanity may be her only hope. She confessed to the killing, according to an FBI affidavit

U.S. Attorney Todd Graves said last week that Montgomery could pursue an insanity defense in seeking acquittal. If she is found guilty, she could try an insanity defense again during the penalty phase. Graves is considering seeking the death

Montgomery's public defenders declined to comment. While she is expected to plea Thursday, an insanity defense would be decided at a later date. Defendants found not guilty by reason of insanity normally are confined to mental institutions.

A study by the American Psychiatric Association showed that defendants found not guilty by reason of insanity tend to spend as much or more time in custody as ose convicted and sent to prison.

The insanity issues in Montgomery's case likely would include her history of phantom pregnancies, the gruesome nature of the crime and premeditation, lawyers contacted about the case said.

Federal law states that insanity is a defense if the "defendant as a result of severe preciate the nature and quality or the wrongfulness of his acts?

Montgomery's psychological history and her state of mind at the time of the crime would be evaluated, said Saul Faerstein, a Beverly Hills, Calif., forensic psychiatrist,

If she is found to have committed the crime, Faerstein said, the jury will weigh questions such as "What was she thinking when she did it, and did she understand the wrongfulness of what she was doing by trying to cover up what she was doing? The assumption is that a person has to be 'somewhat deranged" to murder with

their own hands, Faerstein said. But being deranged doesn't mean a killer meets the high burden of legal insanity, he said. Insanity pleas are rare, with various stud-

ies showing that fewer than 1 percent of defendants use them.

NASA determines rover found meteorite on Mars

BY JOHN ANTCZAK

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - NASA's Op portunity rover has determined that a strange bubbly rock on the surface of Mars is actually a meteorite, offering a new clue into how the martian surface is made and

Scientists are not so much interested in the meteorite itself. Rather, they want to see if other obiects nearby also are meteorites and how martian winds are reshaping the planet.

If sand is continually blowing in and being deposited on the surface, burying things and building up terrain over time, meteorites will be covered and few will be seen, rover mission scientist Steve Squyres said Tuesday.

But if fine surface material is being continuously stripped away by the wind, coarse things such as meteorites will be left behind and their accumulation will show

"So whether you're seeing a net accumulation or a net burial of

Gambling seniors

Many senior citizens tend to het

large amounts of money or more

than they can handle, according

Percentage of elderly who said

they were involved in at least

10.9% were at-risk* gamblers

77 3%

Top gambling activities

Gambling machines/casino

one gambling activity in the

to a new study.

the meteorites is going to tell you something about what the erosi or deposition rates are out on the plains," Squyres said.

Opportunity landed Jan. 24 on the Meridiani plains, halfway around the planet from where its twin, Spirit, set down in the Gusev Crater region on Jan. 3, 2004.

Opportunity, a six-wheeled robot geologist, quickly discovered rocks showing that its area of Meridiani was once soaked in water, the major scientific finding of the twin-rover mission. After that, it explored rocks in a deep crater before heading off to give engineers a look at its discarded heat shield

A strange basketball-sized obiect nearby stood out immediately. It looked like nothing seen at either landing site, said Squyres, a Cornell University scientist who is the principal investigator for

NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers mission. Scientists suspected it was a meteorite

"On a mission of exploration. some things you're going to find



In this image released by NASA on Tuesday shows the robotic arm of rover Opportunity investigating a basketball-size meteorite sitting on the surface of Mars, which was discovered last week.

because you went looking for them, you planned for 'em and you did your job right, and sometimes you're just going to get lucky. And this oluck," said Squyres. And this one was just

Opportunity was then ordered to deploy its instrument arm to confirm if the object was a meteorite. The rover used its brush to

Study: Seniors bet more than they can afford

remove dust but didn't grind into the meteorite since it was determined the tool would be no match for the nickel-iron hunk.

Tests on Earth showed that a similar tool's grinding heads would be worn away by the meteorite. "We designed our rock abrasion tool for rock. We didn't design it for nickel-iron alloys," he said.

New N.Y. restaurant

NEW YORK - Workers from the Windows on the World restaurant aton the World Trade Center have signed a lease to create the city's first employee-run restau-rant — only a walk from Ground Zero

The workers, 34 immigrants and one U.S.-born partner, are calling their restaurant Colors. is set to open in Greenwich Vil-lage "as soon as possible," said Mamdoun can-born waiter. Mamdouh Fekkak, a Moroc-

snectacular views from the 106th floor of the trade center's north tower, Windows on the World was decimated on Sept. 11, 2001. Seventy-three Windows employees died.

Once it opens, the restaurant will not have any visible sign of the terrorist attack that killed more than 2,700 people at the World Trade Center

Evolution sticker fight

MARIETTA, Ga. - A school board is planning to challenge a federal judge's order to remove stickers in science textbooks that call evolution "a theory, not a fact."

In a 5-2 vote, the Cobb County school board decided to appeal last week's ruling. Board mem-bers said U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper's order to remove the stickers immediately "amounts to unnecessary judicial intrusion into local control of schools," according to a statement

BY JOANN LOVIGLIO Of that number, nearly 11 perwomen are just as likely as men Waffle House bias suit

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Casino trips and bingo nights may offer retirees a chance for excitement and socializing, but gambling also can prompt elderly gamblers to wager more than they can afford, according to a study.

Problem gamblers who are on fixed incomes often end up in greater peril than younger people who have more years of working to straighten out their debts, said Dr. David Oslin, senior author of the study in the current edition of the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry

Of the 843 senior citizens interviewed by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and the Penn State College of Medicine, nearly 70 percent said they gambled at least once in the past year cent fit the researchers' criteria of "at-risk" gamblers - reporting that they plunked down more than \$100 in a single bet, gambled more than they could afford to lose, or both

"These seniors who are at risk may not be ready for Gamblers Anonymous, but many of them don't have a lot of money and spending on gambling could mean that they won't have anything left to buy medicines," Oslin said Tuesday

The researchers gave questionnaires to a random group of patients, age 65 and older, at several primary care clinics. The most popular choices for those who specified a gambling preference were lotteries, playing on gambling machines and going to casi-

The results suggest older

to gamble and develop gambling problems. However, it also indicates that those defined as at-risk gamblers were more likely to be minorities, binge drinkers, or suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder - and they may be less likely to seek help.

This is a good study because it provides us with an important sig-nal that this is something we need to be on the lookout for," said Dr. Dan Blazer, a professor of psychi-atry at Duke University, who was not involved in the research.

Oslin said the study has some limitations - only half of the people who were randomly cho agreed to participate in the study, and the all the respondents were from the Philadelphia region, which is close to Atlantic City N.J., and may offer easier access to gambling opportunities than other areas. But he believes the data is solid.

ATLANTA — Black customers

who say they were discriminated against at Waffle House restaurants in Georgia and Alabama filed federal lawsuits against the chain Tuesday.

coordinated lawsuits, The coordinated lawsuits, which join two others filed last week in North Carolina and Virginia, claim servers announced they would not serve blacks, deliberately served unsanitary food to minority patrons, directed racial epithets at blacks and became verbally abusive when asked to wait on blacks.

While plaintiffs attorneys said 20 discrimination cases already were pending against the Nor-cross, Ga.-based company, Waffle House said it has a policy to train workers "to treat all customers equally.

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Ugly-duckling choice for Page 1

Sunday, Jan. 16, must have been a slow news day since the article "Soldier to 'Swan'" was on the cover. As the father of two young daughters. I cannot believe Stripes would hold up Capt. DeLisa Stiles in a favorable way. This Fox makeover show not only denigrates women, it glorifies some of the least favorable characteristics of our society.

Capt. Stiles, a psychologist, could only find fulfillment in her life through plastic surgery and professional cosmetics? She took the time to go on this show, admitting her marriage was not doing well, taking her away from her husband for four months after already being away for a year. Stripes treats the fact that she overcame the emotional struggle of being served divorce papers as a badge of honor. She has a right to choose the show over her marriage, but let's not applaud her for it

This cover story, which also took up an entire page inside (Page 4 in the Europe edition. Page 7 in the Mideast edition). sends the message to all women that, through putting yourself first, plastic sur-gery and lots of cosmetics, you will be happy.

I am blessed to know many wonderful women who would not be picked to model for Victoria's Secret. They understand that having meaning in life has very little to do with how you look. It has everything to do with the choices you make and what you stand for.

So the next time Strines wants to praise a women in our military, it should please pick one of the many competent professionals who care about their fami-lies. They may or may not be beautiful by society's standards, but are very beautiful to those around them.

> Maj. Jim Lawson Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

The real story on columnist

I am writing in response to the Jan. 12 column "No one should warm to idea that SUVs are to blame" in which the writer, James K. Glassman, presents his views on the subject of global warming.

He uses statements from a fringe environmental group that suggested the tsunami was related to global warming to belittle environmentalists and dismiss the findings of researchers and scientists on this important topic. He cites the fact that these statements appeared in main-stream newspapers to bolster his argument that the entire issue is nonsense. But a closer look reveals the column for what it is, a piece of political propaganda. Here's the rest of the story:

■ James Glassman is a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a neoconservative think tank dedicated to advancing and protecting the interests of big business

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- In making reference to an article in the Chicago Tribune, Glassman fails to point out that the article actually condemns the statements made by Friends of the Earth, and does not, as he suggests. support its position.
- Even the Bush administration has finally come around to admitting that glo-bal warming is "a real phenomenon" to which "human activity" is a contributing factor
- Typical sources of greenhouse gases also produce substances that contribute to acid rain and ozone depletion. They also release particulates and hydrocarbons that cause health problems.

Glassman correctly states that "the tsunami offers an irresistible opportunity for exploitation," and then uses the disas-

ter to further his own nefarious agenda. Yes, the editorial section is a place for opinions, but it is only fair for people representing special-interest groups to disclose this information to unwitting read-

> Ed Gravlin Heidelberg, Germany

Learn about Social Security

ers.

Hopefully most readers are aware that the Republican Party has just begun the legislative process to restructure our American Social Security system.

The most recent development is to make a law that will allow benefits to be calculated on the basis of the inflation rate rather than the existing plan, which calculates benefits at the crease-of-wages rate. This whole process is going to get very complicated and many Americans will either not hear about proposed changes or will give up trying to understand what those proposed changes will mean in their lives because they will be presented in terms that are not going to be easily under-

If you expect to receive Social Security benefits at any time in your life, please

be sure to read from as many sources as possible what changes are being pro-posed. If you are a Republican, don't be satisfied with the news reports that come from conservative sources. If you're a Democrat, don't think that anything the Congress comes up with will spell your fi-

nancial doom down the road. Look at sources from both sides. Ask questions of those sources and of your own legislators. Don't settle for less than answers that you can understand. Take a stand for your own future. You have the constitutionally guaranteed right to ask questions of your representatives, your senators and your president. You have the right to be involved in the process that will change what will happen to your Social Security benefits.

The Republican Congress is going to start airing a lot of pro-Social-Security-system-change advertising. Pay atten-tion to the facts. Ask questions. Expect clear, concise and understandable answers. Insist that the democratic process be nonpartisan as it affects Social Security. It's what we're all fighting for.

Brenda Barbour Kaiserslautern, Germany

'Quotas' hurt Bronze Stars

I am a citizen-soldier redeploying home

I was activated and volunteered in 2002. I deployed to Iraq in spring 2003; again in spring 2004. Now I have 17 months in the combat zone and it's 2005.

During my time here I've organized a humanitarian relief drive for Iraqi children, been noted by a two-star general for saving lives in Basra, been shot at. mortared, medically evacuated, almost killed by a roadside bomb and, like most of us, have seen enough suffering, dead and wounded.

I've earned my right to go home. What I haven't earned is a Bronze Star medal. That's not a complaint. I've done my job and then some and am proud of it. Our flight crews, foot soldiers, sacrificed, wounded and convovers should get them not me.

What should never have happened is that in my current unit about 45 nominations for Bronze Stars were generated simply because we're a "top-heavy" combat support group unit and the medal is a good "reward" or career boost. Nearly 30 were awarded - mostly to officers. Only about seven went to enlisted and even fewer to gun truck operators/gunners who put their lives on the line almost daily.

Just because there's an "allowed quota" doesn't mean we should dishonor such a medal of distinction.

They say superfluous medal awards was a problem in the Persian Gulf War. I don't remember it that way. Back then, we had one recipient in my front-line unit of 110. I remember he earned it. Staff Sgt. Dana K. Beausoleil

Camp Victory, Kuwait By GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Harry wears the painful past on his sleeve

BY ANDRES GUMBEL

T has been a while since the word "Nazi" was associated with a member of the British royal family. But obviously it has not been long enough. Last Thursday, London's best-selling newspaper, the Sun, splashed a photograph of 20-year-old Prince Harry at a costume party wearing the uniform of Nazi Feid Marshal with swastika armband, and the whole of Britain went berserk.

"Complete idiot" was the epithet bandied about by one anti-fascist group, and nobody seemed to think it remotely inappropriate. The president of Britain's Holocaust Trust went even further, calling the prince's actions "stupid and evil." The Sun's headline was "Harry the Nazi."

A former armed forces minister suggested that Harry, who is third in line to the
throne, was now unfit to enter Sandhurst,
Britain's elite officer training school, where
he is due to start later this year. And the
former commander of British forces in Bosnia, Col. Bob Stewart, said that if one of his
men had gone to a party dressed as a Nazi he
would have put him on toilet-cleaning duty
for throm weeks.

It's hardly news that a British royal has made a prize twit of himself. That seems to be the House of Windsor's lot. But this is in a whole different category. Even a 20-year-old (and particularly one in line to the throne) should know that the world is still colossally and understandably sensitive about the Nazis and their monstrous crimes.

After all, the Third Reich came close to ripping apart the fabric of the British monarchy in the 1930s and posed a unique threat to a divided establishment. Had history

jogged just a few degrees one way or the other, Britain could have found itself either allied with Adolf Hitler or overrum by his Wehrmacht and turned into a fascist state.

Nobody represented the fliration with to tallarianism more than Harry's greatgrand-uncle, Edward VIII, the ultimate black sheep of the family, who openly sympathized with the Nazis and might have pushed Britain into a mai-Stallnist alliance with Hitler had it not been for his insistence on marrying the American divorce—and equally arden Nazi apologia—Wallis Simon cation in 1936.

For a long time, conventional wisdom had it that the objection to Simpson was religious and moral: that there was no tolerance of divorce in Anglican belief, which Edward, as monarch, was bound to unbold.

Recently released official papers have shown, however, that the establishment was greatly exercised by Simpson's fondness for the Nazis (she was believed to have been Joachin von Ribbentrop's lover when he was ambassador to London), even more vexed about Edward's openly pro-Nazi leanings and anxious to see him stripped of the crown if at all possible. The divorce must have seemed providential.

The reverberations from the abdication crisis are still palpable among today's royals. Three of Prince Philip's sisters married Nazi sympathizers, and the Windsors who succeeded Edward VIII — his brother, George VI, and George's daughter, Elizabeth II — had to live it down, even after the Third Reich's demise.

Edward himself continued to be a severe embarrassment, dining in Germany with Hitler and Rudolph Hess in 1937 and very



possibly (the record is ambiguous) plotting with the Nazis to return to the throne in the event of a successful invasion of Britain. This is the history that Harry just brought

roaring back to life.

The costume party, held at the mansion of
the Olympic show jumper Richard Meade,
was on a "native and colonial" theme, so, to
add insult to injury, Harry's costume revived umpleasant parallels between the Nazi
taste for bloodthirsty imperial adventure
and Britain's own leanings in that direction
—like using poison gas on the Kurds, shooting independence protesters in India and so

on. Britain has long since repented of its imperial sins, but nostalgia still abounds in certain upper-class circles. Harry has been a mild cause for concern

Harry has been a mind cause for concern before— accused by his art teacher at Eton of cheating on his A-level exams, caught in a bust-up with a photographer outside a London club. With a reputation as a tearaway, he has spent part of his year before Sandhurst working as a ranch hand in Australia. His father and grandmother must be regretting he didn't stay longer.

Andres Gumbel is the Los Angeles correspondent for the Independent of London. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Four more years — closer to what 2020 will bring

WASHINGTON
our years ago when the newly inaugurated President Bush called on
his fellow Americans to "show courage in a time of blessing," he could
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not imagine the horrors of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or the demands of war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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On this day of his second inaugural, the only certainty is that the next four years will present challenges as large and unexpected as those of the past.

Supporters and critics can agree that the nation is fortunate that its leader is a man prepared to cope with radi-

cally changed circumstances, a person of fixed principles but not one wedded to policies of the past.

In his first term, when many supposed

that the clouded circumstances of his election would force Bush into a cautious, minmaint approach to governing, he bodly set out to recast many fundamental institutions and doctrines. At home, he engineered sweeping changes in the scale and distribution of taxes, redefined the relationship of the federal government to local schools, and sponsored the largest expansion ever of Medicare-Policies for the environment, regulation of business, law enforcement and dozen other fields were turned around.

Abroad, the changes were even more dramatic as Bush cast aside the doctrine of containment for one of pre-emptive action—applied unilaterally and controversially to Iraq. He encouraged an overhaul of the armed forces and he launched a style of di-

plomacy that rattled the teeth of many traditional allies.

Now, armed with a second and larger vic-

tory at the polls, his domestic agenda includes changing the Social Security system, reforming energy and immigration policies, reducing the number and scale of civil damage suits, simplifying the tax system and further changing public education.

Ambitious as this seems, the likelihood is that the world stage will demand more from Bush — and provide the sternest tests of his adaptability. Iraq is a bleeding wound on his presidency, a war that growing majorities of Americans have joined the rest of the world in judging a mistake. The future of Iraq is less and less in America's hands. ...

A sketch of what else lies ahead can be found in "Mapping the Global Future," a 120-page forecast of world affairs in the next

15 years, published last week by the National Intelligence Council, the CIA think tank.

"The international order," it says, "is in the midst of profound change: at no time since the formation of the Western alliance system in 1949 have the shape and nature of international alignments been in such a state of flux as they have during the past decade. As a result, the world of 2020 will differ markedly from the world of 2004, and in the intervening years the United States will fer significantly from those we face today. The very magnitude and speed of change resulting from a globalizing world — regardless of its precise character — will be a defining feature of the world out to 2020."

One of the likely developments is the emergence of China, India and perhaps Indonesia as major economic and political powsia cope with the challenges of rapidly aging populations. The rise of Asian powers likely will be abetted by globalization — the rapid spread of technology — and pose a challenge to America's economy.

The hopeful trend of democratization will

The hopeful trend of democratization will likely confront opposition in ethnic and identity politics, especially the transnational force of Islamic extremism, and contribute to a "pervasive sense of insecurity." ...

"The United States increasingly will have to battle world public opinion, which has dramatically shifted since the end of the Cold War," the report says. At another point, it adds, "In the future, growing distrust could prompt governments to take a more hostile approach."

BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Bush has his work cut out for him.

David Broder is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

Mallard Fillmore

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Harsh punishment

BIRMINGHAM — A woman angry with her 12-year-old daughter for having sex forced the girl to drink bleach and sat on her until the child died, a police detective said.

The girl's 9-year-old brother was forced to watch the attack, Detective Warren Cotton testified in a preliminary hearing for Tunisia Archie, 31.

Archie is charged with capital Archie is charged with capital murder in the asphyxiation death of her daughter, Jasmine. If con-victed, she could be sentenced to death or life in prison without pa-

Cotton said Archie, who has been jailed without bond since shortly after her daughter's Nov. 26 death, told authorities she was disturbed because "her daughter told her that she was no longer a

She said she poured bleach into Jasmine's mouth and the child vomited. The mother then sat on the girl until she stopped breathing. Cotton testified.

Egg business cracks

NEW YORK — America's sole maker of plastic Easter eggs has cracked under the pressure of competition from Asia

Bleyer Industries Inc., of Long Island, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, saying it has lost too much business to Chinese rivals. The company sold its plants in Hauppauge, N.Y., and Mount Union, Pa. It is keeping one in Peoria, Ill., and is seeking a part-ner to survive. A Chapter 11 filing allows a company to put off paying its debts while it tries to come up with a recovery plan.

About 250 million of the colorful plastic toys were made every year at the Peoria plant, and were sold by some of the United States' largest retailers — Wal-Mart, Target, and Toys "R" Us.

Alcohol ban considered

MI EAST LANSING — Michigan State University is considering banning alcohol in most public places on campus. The measure would make exceptions for pre-football tailgating in designated areas. The Board of Trustees will also consider whether to enact permanent tailgating restrictions and specifically outlaw public urination and defecation

No drowning charges

FORT LAUDERDALE -Prosecutors have dropped charges against a mildly retarded teenager once found guilty of drowning a 5-year-old autistic boy, after the state Supreme Court refused to reinstate his manslaughter conviction.

The state had appealed a lowercourt ruling that Broward County deputies didn't properly advise Gorman Roberts of his rights during interrogation. Without explanation, the state Supreme Court declined to accept the case on Jan. 7 and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review another Broward County case on the same issue of Miranda rights.

Roberts, now 20, was convicted in 2002 of pushing 5-year-old Jordan Payne into a Pompano Beach canal, where he drowned. Roberts was sentenced to three years in

Crisafulli said work is already being done to correct many of the problems, but some are beyond the school's Record land sales

ASPEN — Aspen-area real es

tate sales last year reached \$1.6 billion, breaking the previous record by \$330 million, according to Land Title Co., which handles property title trans-fers in the area. The previous record for Pitkin County sales was \$1.27 billion in 2000 Prices also soared, increasing to an average of \$1.263 million in 2004, up from \$1.04 million in 2003

Brawl investigated

AMERICAN

ROUNDUP

prison, but had been free on an ap-

Families win final battle

OH CLEVELAND — The state will compensate the fami-

lies of three Ohio soldiers who died

in Iraq after determining they

were victims of terrorism and not

wartime casualties. Ohio Attorney

General Jim Petro said the fami-

lies will receive money tapped from the state's crime victim com-

pensation program. He cited President Bush's declaration on May 1,

2003, that major combat opera-

AK FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska-Fairbanks

has adopted a policy to recognize

degrees only from accredited uni-

versities when it comes to deci-

sions of hiring, promotions, tenure

or transferring credit. The change

was prompted by controversy sur-rounding former Faculty Senate

president-elect Michael Hannigan,

who resigned in October amid alle-

gations that his doctorate came

RI PROVIDENCE — Mount Pleasant High School was

placed on probation by the New En-gland Association of Schools and

Colleges, which found fault with the curriculum, the building's con-

dition and other issues, school offi-

cials said. Principal Maureen

from a "diploma mill

Clean sweep

Peter Smith, 2, helps clean up

to the fair, not a contestant.

straw on the last day of the 89th

annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in

Harrisburg, Pa. Peter was a visitor

School on probation

Accredited profs only

tions in Iraq had ended.

nellate bond

TUCSON — The dining hall at an Arizona prison will stay locked down for a few days while authorities investigate an in mate brawl that injured three cor-

The fight inside Arizona State Prison Complex-Tucson broke out among several prisoners on the eve of the first anniversary of a hos-tage standoff at another state penitentiary.

More than 40 inmates barricad-Corrections Department spokes woman Cam Hunter

Authorities said Sibilina Flores fell into the creek 45 miles northeast of Los Angeles while trying to

40 mph when they disappeared in front of Flores' husband and 15-year-old daughter, authorities said

have drowned a day before in the same creek after he was swen under by currents moving up to 25

The currents carried Marcelo Bautista into the San Antonio Dam. While a body had not been recov-

Snowplow kills man

was killed after he was struck by a privately owned snowplow, police

Daniel Bellamy, 35, was waiting on the side of the road for his ride to work when a plow operated by a driver for CWB Contractors of West Bridgewater struck him just after 5 a.m.

West Bridgewater Police Sgt. Victor Flaherty said Bellamy was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver initially thought he struck a deer because Bellamy was wearing brown clothing, po-

lice said. Investigators do not believe weather was a factor. No criminal

rections officers.

ed themselves in the dining hall after guards tried to break up the dispute, officials said. They surrendered after guards dispersed a chemical similar to tear gas, said



CA UPLAND — Divers recovered the bodies of a 35-year-old woman and a boy believed to be her 7-year-old son from a rushing, rain-swollen creek



An 11-year-old was believed to

mph, authorities said.

ered, authorities believe the boy is dead

MA WEST BRIDGEWATER— A West Bridgewater man said.

charges have been issued against



Kailey Beckwith, 6, gives a high kick for her High spirits coach, Danielle Lauzis, during a junior cheerleading clinic at Mark Morris High School in Longview, Wash.



Casev Kilmartin. 6. tries to balance on a Balancing act large snowball in Fast Greenbush, N.Y.



Matthew Garr. 5. and his sister. Erin Garr. Right on track 2, of Lenexa, Kan., ride a vintage antique amusement park train called the Ottaway You-Pump-It (according to the ride operator) at the Great American Train Show in Kansas City, Mo. Robb Garr, the kids' dad, said Matthew is a "train freak." This is the third show Matthew's attended.



Crabs worth waiting for

Bell Buoy Crab Co. workers fill totes on the dock at the Chin Wash., plant. The season opening for Dungenese crabs was delayed a month and a half because the crabs were slow to develop. Clockwise from left front to right, workers include Juan Guizar, Matt Culp, James Davis and Dave Caton.



Tumai, the National Look who's new at the zoo Zoo's 4-year-old cheetah, shows off her litter of two male and two female cubs earlier this month. The four cubs. born Nov. 23, make up the first litter of cheetah cubs born at the zoo in Washington in its 115-year history.



Out to graze A horse grazes in a field framed by a barbed wire fence in Larimer County near Loveland, Colo.



Ducks gather as mist rises from a small pocket of open water or Great water for ducks Silver Lake in Virginia, Minn. Discharge from a lake-side power plant keeps a small area of the lake free of ice, providing a place for water fowl to congregate.

Rail tracks damaged

VT BELLOWS FALLS — Freight and passenger train traffic was halted in southern Vermont after a nine-car derailment severely damaged track just north of the Saxtons River. The New England Central Railroad cars were carrying wood products. No one was injured, and the cause wasn't vet known.

Flu shot demand low

GA ATLANTA — About 72,000 additional doses of flu vaccine were distributed this month to private and public health clinics across Georgia, but officials say demand is low. The Division of Public Health is urging people to get shots if they qualify because flu season usually peaks in mid-February. Some clinics and doctors fear they'll have to throw out unused vaccine this spring.

With a song in her heart

INDIANAPOLIS — An 82-year-old woman whose lifelong dream was to sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has finally added her voice to the group's heavenly crooning

Virginia Spelbring joined the choir after a group that makes se-nior citizens' dreams come true helped arrange the grandmother's big singing engagement.

'It was absolutely everything I hoped it would be, and more," she said. "They had three TV stations and the newspaper there. They almost made a star out of me.

Although the choir rarely invites outside singers to join them, leaders of the internationally heralded choir asked Spelbring to sing with their 360-member group after learning about her dream.

Sad end for whales

HI KIHEI — Maui authorities say a mother pygmy sperm whale that beached herself on Maui was euthanized, while her calf was feared dead. The whales were taken to the Koieie Fishpond at Kalepolepo for protection after they were found on the beach at

Arrest in smuggling

MI DETROIT — Border agents have arrested a man they say was trying to smuggle 17 Chinese citizens and an Albanian into the United States through an underwater train tunnel that links Windsor, Ontario, to Detroit,

A federal grand jury indicted Wissam Abudayyeh, a Palestinian man in his 20s and a legal resident of Canada, on alien smuggling charges.

Abudayyeh was to be paid \$400 per person, according to immigration officials. Authorities say the illegal immi-

grants boarded a Norfolk Southern engine in Windsor before dawn on Jan. 5 and were caught by U.S. agents during an inspection after the train reached Detroit. Abudayyeh was ordered held

without bond until his trial. The 18 immigrants were being held as material witnesses.

Big winner at slots

STATELINE - A Pennsylvania man is pretty happy he didn't stop to eat before hitting

the slots here.

sort

Stephen Phares was on a ski vacation when he hit a \$1.3 million jackpot at Harveys Casino and Re-

Phares, 42, said he wanted to go to dinner but was prodded by a friend to play a progressive Wheel of Fortune MegaJacknot machine. Now, he said, "I'm very happy

we played." The home mortgage branch man

ager from Holland, Pa., said he's not sure what he'll do with his win-He said he'd like to invest in Lake Tahoe property. But he also sees his windfall as a chance to

Keeping in touch

help others.

MS HERNANDO — Law en-forcement agencies in De-Soto County will use federal money to build an electronic link between police departments so officers can share information about arrests, suspects and investigations. The new system can also display where each patrol unit is at any time.

War challenge dismissed

NE LINCOLN — The U.S. Supreme Court dismissed a former Nebraska congressman's lawsuit challenging the Iraq war. Clair Callahan, a Democrat who served in the House from 1965-67. argued that President Bush's military assault on Iraq violated the 1973 War Powers Act. A federal judge ruled earlier that a private citizen has no standing to file such a suit, and that U.S. foreign policy isn't subject to court jurisdiction.

And babies will make 7

very soon

MI PETOSKEY — John and Jennifer Dallos have quite a handful with their twins. But things are going to get a lot busier

Jennifer Dallos is expecting triplets in June.

"We're pretty much shocked," John Dallos said. "We have been up on this cloud, just in a haze. You lay down at night and wonder, 'How are we going to be able to do this?' But you just know it's going to be great

John and Jennifer Dallos, 31 and 28 respectively, hadn't even planned on having another baby. But they were open to the idea of another child.

"We did have two the first time, so we thought that maybe it wasn't in the cards for us to have more kids," Jennifer Dallos said, "We thought, if it happens, it happens, Jennifer Dallos did not use fertility drugs.

"When we found out she was pregnant, we thought it would be nice to have another child," her husband said. "We didn't expect to have three *

Gav restriction

AR LITTLE ROCK — Legislators filed a hill to restore a state ban on foster parenting in any household with a gay member.

Sen. Jim Holt, who ran for U.S. Senate on an anti-gay-marriage platform, was a sponsor of the bill to give the state's child welfare board control over "public morali-ty." A recent Pulaski County Civ. cuit Court ruling said the board didn't have that authority.

Stories and photos from wire services

Fueled up and running

Slowly but surely, New Zealand's Datsuns travel road to success

Knight Ridder Newspapers he Datsuns understand

the value of patience. The New Zealand rock quartet (bassist/vocalist Dolf de Borst, guitarist Phil Buscke, guitarist Christian Livingstone and drummer Matt Osment) has made slow but steady strides over roughly the past 10

With a reputation for its frenetic, high-powered stage shows, the band began to gain a full head of steam in the past two years on the strength of positive reviews, particularly in the British press, for its self-titled debut album in 2003 and solid sophomore effort, "Outta Sight/Outta Mind" (V2 Records), in 2004.

"On the first record, everything's pretty much foot to the recalled de Borst. "It kind of felt like a singles collection or something like that. Because, in a way, we were doing that.... But with the second record, there's definitely songs we recorded for that. I think we recorded 14 songs and ended up leaving a couple off, which, I think, actually are amaz-

While contemporaries such as The Strokes and The Vines stumbled with releases last year, The Datsuns continued to make strides forward. "Outta Sight/ Outta Mind" serves up group's signature music punch infused with musical influences ranging from hard rock and punk to '70s-era glam rock. De Borst noted, for instance, that the group went for a glam edge on the "Outta Sight/Outta Mind" number "You Can't Find Me." Another tune, the thumping "Messing Around," likewise offers a touch of glam, accented by a decided ZZ Top-Texas style bite.

A bit of good fortune shined on The Datsuns as it prepared to work on "Outta Sight/Outta Mind." John Paul Jones, bassist and keyboardist for legendary rock band Led Zeppelin, caught one of the band's shows and offered to assist with producing "Outta Sight/Outta Mind," which The Datsuns accepted gladly.

Jones applied a subtle touch to the album, leaving no hint of an overt Zeppelin footprint on it. If there's aggressive Zeppelin-like thrust to be found anywhere, it is the final track, "I Got No Words. Buscke explained, however, that the song actually derived from a riff the group had toyed with for

"It was kind of like a riff that



Drummer Matt Osment and bassist Dolf de Borst of the rock band The Datsuns let the rhythms rip during a concert in Washington, D.C., in December.

we had around for a long time, and we didn't really know what to do with. We used to just jam with that riff at sound checks and stuff

Originally called Trinket, the group changed its name to The Datsuns after it won a "battle of the bands" competition in New Zealand in 1997. Each band member soon adopted a Datsun surname, as a way to distinguish themselves from players in other bands with similar names. In 2004, The Datsuns relocated to London to be closer to the music world pulse.

While the band's albums show its musical growth and have enjoyed positive feedback, the group feels more at home on the stage than in the studio.

"I think we've always been a band that comes from performing and playing live to people," observed De Borst.

"And we're kind of making the transition to being both, making it 50-50, which I'll never be comfortable with, because I always kind of believe that performance is the most sort of honest way to playing music and getting it across to peo-

Yet the frontman also added that there's still plenty of room for the growth in the studio - but at a deliberate pace set by the

"We're still kind of looking to make a record that really defines us, and puts our foot down as not just as really good performers, but as songwriters. ... We've only made two records the whole time we've been together. And usually bands don't even last as long as we have. I think making the next record we'll take a lot more

Chefs to cook up fun

Now that celebrity chefs Todd English and Ming Tsai are launching their own reality TV show, they feel free to criticize an-

Neither liked the NBC show "The Restaurant," which featured celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito, they said, because it took the fun out of their business.

"A lot of chefs were a little bit miffed because it really portrayed the restaurant business as a negative place to be, which it's not," Tsai said this past weekend. "I mean, the buzz that we get as chefs is like the sports high when you run a marathon

Their upcoming PBS series "Cooking Under Fire" is a competition that goes to several cities to find someone who could be a cook at a ton restaurant - a restaurant they hope, that's a lot more fun than "The

"It was an attack on our business in a way that I think ... took it down the wrong English said. "For some reason they thought that it would be good TV. I think most people saw through it, and that's why it's not on anymore."

Film rolling without Dylan

Martin Scorsese has been working on a film about Bob Dylan for two years and there's one important person he hasn't spoken to about it: Bob Dylan "I'd not like to deal with the man direct-

Scorsese told television critics this



veekend. "I'd like to create the story, to find the story, first of all, and then play it

performing years from 1961 to 1966 and will run this summer as part of the PRS "American Masters" series. Scorsese directed "The Last Waltz," chronicling the final performance of former Dylan backup

Dylan interviews conducted by the singer's manager, and said he may eventually ask Dylan a few questions.

the always inscrutable Dylan is being upfront or not.

possible without unnecessary restric-tions," he said. "But I think for me, of course, I'm on his side, so I might come out in terms of a pro-Dylan."

Arts project sputtering

Larry Thompson, whose celebrity clients have included William Shatner and Drew Barrymore, says he'd be willing to help revive a stalled arts project once envisioned as a racially unifying force in the community.

The Larry Thompson Center for Fine Arts, in Clarksdale, Miss., was to have brought blacks and whites together to participate in and enjoy Broadway-caliber productions. But nearly 19 years after the ambitious project began, the building remains in serious need of interior and exterior renovation and serious electrical and air conditioning work, said Mississippi Delta Arts Council board member Marvin Carraway.

"We are working on a process where we are looking for some grant funds to finish renovations," Carraway said.

Its namesake and one-time benefactor, now living in Beverly Hills, left the Delta after graduating with a law degree from the University of Mississippi. Though he hasn't seen the center in several years, he said he's aware the building is not what he had envisioned it to be.

"I have always maintained that I'd be willing to continue to support it if the local community continued to support it, but I don't really have a contact down there to really talk to, nor do I know what they're realdoing," Thompson told The Associated ress in a telephone interview. The honor of having the building named

after him spurred Thompson to host a

star-studded fund-raiser in 1986, featuring author Alex Haley and actress Donna Mills. But Mayor Henry Espy said the project simply fizzled out

Thompson said he's still willing to help get the project up and running.

"My name is on it and I would always be willing to help, but it would have to be something that the local community felt that they wanted and would support also. Thompson said.

Blair tea draws \$20K bid

Prime Minister Tony Blair joined highprofile pop stars and British royalty Monday in a radio broad-

cast to benefit tsunami victims.

Some 270 British radio stations broadcast the 12-hour special, raising more than \$5.6 million.

Blair offered for auction a tour of Downing Street and time to join him for a

cup of tea. Bids for the experi-

ence reached more than \$20,573.

An estimated 26 million people tuned into the broadcast, which featured a live performance by pop star Ronan Keating and talk segments with R&B artist Jamelia, Oasis frontman Liam Gallagher and Ozzy Osbourne's wife, Sharon.

Stories and photos from wire services



out the way I think it's right." The film concentrates on Dylan's early

Scorsese has access to 10 hours of fresh Even then, he can never be quite sure if

"I'm trying to make as honest a film as

YOUR MONEY

Souvenir fever strikes nation's capital

Americans open wallets for inauguration memorabilia

BY DON OLDENBURG

The Washington Pos

WASHINGTON - With the 55th Presidential Inauguration fast approaching, the memorabilia mania has begun. But this souvenir thing, it's a little like the cicadas. Every four years, a gazillion inaugural keepsakes pop up in hotel gift stores, shops and streetside vendors. They get a lot of buzz. Then, a day after the inauguration, they're gone.

"Folks come in here and spend \$1,000 without saying much at all," says Tom Carrier, manager of Political Americana, a memorabilia shop three blocks from the White House. "Four years ago, it was the cuff links and inaugural medals

Big sellers this year? Cuff links and inaugural medals, probably.

"The Presidential Inaugural Committee looks at what the previous one did, whether it was the other party or not, and does the same thing," says Bob "Button Bob" Levine, a St. Louis button maker for

About 40 percent of Political Americana's inaugural inventory is official mementos - the only souvenirs allowed to use the Inauguration Seal - \$9 golf ball packs, \$10 coffee mugs, \$28 teddy bears, \$28 sweat shirts, \$30 paperweights, some three dozen items so far. The store has pricier official stuff, such as \$95 silver cuff links, \$225 silver medallions and a \$1.190 gold medallion set.

Kay Gallota is shopping on her lunch break. She brushes past the \$3 buttons and \$8 T-shirts to examine the \$60 set of old-fashioned "on-the-rocks" glasses. She wants something classy

"I'm looking for something like money clips for the men and pins for the women." says the SunTrust marketing veep on a quest for inaugural-embossed gifts for colleagues helping her throw the bank's 1.000-guest Inauguration Day blowout

Her guests will receive a surprise SunTrust-provided souvenir. Not official, but exclusive. Everything not sanctioned by the Inaugural Committee is

Early this week, about 100 souvenir hawkers materialized on the sidewalks near the parade route, selling unofficial merchandise.

"It doesn't really start selling until a day or two before," says one longtime souvenir vendor on 15th

Street who declined to be identified

She's not exactly overrun with customers this week. But wait until Inauguration Day, she solemnly swears, "there'll be a big pile of people here."

The "big piles" add up to big business for inaugural merchandisers. "It is a multimillion-dollar venture," says New York political souvenir maker Mort Berkowitz

"Buttons will outsell everything 10 to 1," says Berkowitz, whose company, Bold Concepts, designed more than 600 buttons for the presidential campaign. "There will be a minimum of a half-million inaugural buttons sold."

As with potato chips, people can't get just one. In 1992. Berkowitz was commissioned by the Inaugural Committee to design the official Clinton buttons. 'Next thing I know, QVC was selling a set of five of these buttons," he says, "and, in the course of five shows, devoting five minutes each show to the buttons, they sold 26,300 sets."

Brian Harlin's Elkridge, Md., company, GOP-Shoppe.com, was selected to be the Bush inauguration's "master vendor," in charge of dreaming up and licensing official products. Harlin says official souvenirs alone did \$2.5 million in sales in Bush's first inauguration.

Traditionally, a second inauguration doesn't attract the same souvenir fervor, but Harlin figures this one will. Why? George W. Bush, he says



Barry Landau of Manhattan, a self-educated White House historian and collector of things presidential - with a particular interest in inauguration memorabilia — shows off his inauguration memorabilia.

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Tax cuts for students

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - If you're paying off student loans, check out the tax deductions available to

"A lot of people are not aware of the benefits," says Martha Holler, a spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, the education-funding provider.

"This is the time of year when getting a college education can actually pay you.'

According to the IRS, you can deduct up to \$2,500 for interest paid in 2004 on a qualified federal or private student

You can take this deduction in combination with any other deduction, such as the tuition-and-fees tax deduction or a lifetime learning credit.

But you cannot take the deduction if your adjusted gross income is more than \$65,000 or \$130,000 if you are married and filing jointly.

The IRS also will not allow you to take the deduction if:

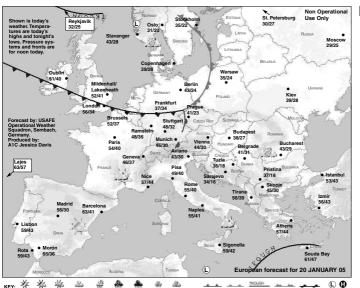
- Another taxpayer claims an exemption for you as a dependent
- You are married but filing separately.
- You are not legally obligated to make payments on the

If you paid more than \$600 in student loan interest in 2004, your lenders should automatically send you a 1098E form. Holler says. Those forms go in

the mail during January, so keep an eve out for yours. If you don't receive a form, or you paid less than \$600 in interest, "contact your financial provider anyway," Holler advis-

"You'll get some good tax ad-

For more information on deducting your student loan interest, check out IRS publication 970, "Tax Benefits for Education," or visit www.irs.gov.



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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rainshowers and gusty winds. Highs in the lower to mid-50s. Friday lows in the lower to mid-30s

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with rain-showers and gusty winds. Highs in the lower to mid-50s. Friday lows in the mid-30s to lower 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly to mostly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the mid-30s. Friday lows in the mid

to upper teens France: Northern France will be mostly cloudy with rainshowers, and Southern France will be partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s Friday lows in the lower to mid-40s.

Northern Germany: Cloudy with rain, snow, and gusty winds. Highs in the upper 30s to upper 40s. Friday lows in the mid-20s to mid- 30s.

Southern Germany: Cloudy with rain and snow. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Friday lows in the lower to mid-30s.

Hungary: Cloudy with rain and snow mix. Highs in the upper 30s. Friday lows in the upper 20s.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s to upper 40s. Friday lows in the lower 30s to lower

Southern Italy: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. Friday lows in the lower 40s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Friday lows in the lower

Norway: Cloudy with rain, snow, and gusty winds. Highs in the lower 30s to lower 40s. Friday lows in the 20s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s to mid-60s. Friday lows in the lower 30s to the lower 40s.

Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in Southern Turkey. Highs in the lower 60s, and mid-40s to mid-50s inland. Friday lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home

page at: https://ows.sembach.af.mil http://ows.public.sembach.af.mil

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Horoscope

and the moon transits through fellow air sign Gemini. Mental agility is featured, which shows up most notably in a social **Holiday Mathis** context. Wit is an honored characteristic, and new relationshins are snarked because somebody made somebody else laugh. Intelligent humor improves areas of romance and finance too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 20). The rhythm

and pace of your daily life seems to flow much smoother this year, which brings a welcome relief to your busy days. Creatively, you are blossoming, and that attracts new love, too. You'll win a prize in March. Focus on home repairs in July - it looks like you'll be throwing a lot of parties beginning around Labor Day

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone dear is concerned with building each "now" moment to the hilt but is gun shy when it comes to

making plans. Be willing to forget about the future. It just feels right with a Leo, Libra or Capricom TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If there has been confusion about

whether or not an attraction is mutual, the answer is now unmistakable. Friends and siblings try to compete with you. Break your own records, and don't worry about anyone

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need freedom to pursue your ideas. Look beyond the immediate limitations for answers. Keep careful

else's

track of possessions. People who borrow from you have difficulty

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The morning is rocky, but after lunch, the good news is, there is no more bad news. You're practically chanting for what you want in the afternoon (except you Buddhists out there, who are actually chanting for

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The

game at work is for the most experienced and mature players, so only jump in if you feel you can really compete. Otherwise, you'll feel like you're a kid playing dress up, hiding hehind a fake mustache

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept. 22). You notice positive changes

as the day progresses. A new piece of office equipment makes life easier, or there may be a personnel shift. Perhaps there is even the possibility for

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try to take in as much information as

you can. It's too easy to single out the parts that fit your beliefs and block your ears to the rest. Listening selectively inhibits growth. Be open.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every action you do has potential for enjoyment and pleasure. Right now. you may be the only one smiling as you sort through a big pile of papers or sweep the floor. Others catch on

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sacrifice is a necessary part of the job, and you're willing. By not expecting a reward, you'll receive more than you would have imagined for yourself. Tonight brings delicious controversy

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). It's easy to put your heart into sensational, glamorous or dramatic efforts. But the real prize comes when you put your heart into the mundane tasks, like doing laundry, bookkeeping and grocery shopping.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Rebellious vibes have you saying "no" just because someone else is saying "yes." Because of your refusal to fall in line, you'll end up doing things the hard way - but you'll be

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's activities are similar to yesterday's, but you're framing them

differently. Shift your attitude. If you're taking action because you're obligated to do so, there's no way you're going to do your best.

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what you want!).

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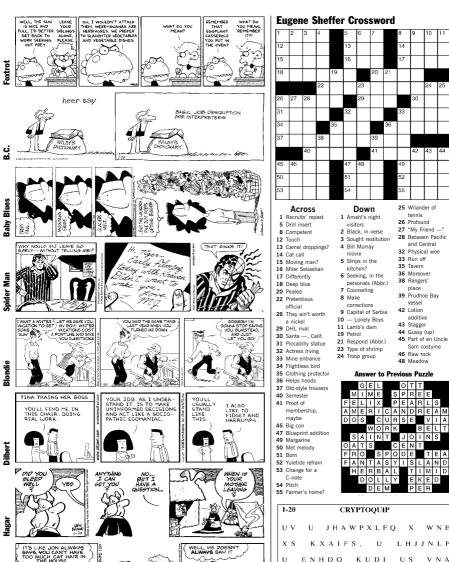
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

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learn a lot.

perspective.

voice. When they call in to the

they'll talk for hours. They love

to tell stories of their adventures

and I have found that if I listen, I

should make a few trips with her

Dear Katy: You may be onto

woman wrote: "It takes a special

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write

http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Katy in Springdale, Ariz.

Perhaps "Down in T-Town"

husband. It might change her

something. I have a stack of

saying the same thing. One

person to be a truck driver

to Abby on the Internet at

letters from truckers' wives, all

spend long, lonely hours, weeks

at a time, on the road. They need

talk a lot. Our drivers are

my experience that most drivers

Trucker husband is motor mouth

Dear Abby: I am writing in response to "Really Down in T-Town," whose truck-driving husband talks constantly. She said people dread it when they see him coming, and it has reached a point that she finds herself trying to avoid him at home

The behavior she described sounds like it could be a symptom of adult ADHD. You were right to suggest that the husband might suffer from insecurity. ADHD will do that to you. However, like depression, it is a physiological problem rather than an emotional one. "Really Down" should have her husband assessed for adult ADHD. Therapy and medication can be a great help. My heart breaks for him.

— Been There in Canada Dear Been There: Thank you for the suggestion. That letter brought responses from many readers who viewed the problem in a different light. Read on:

Dear Abby: In my younger days I hitchhiked extensively from coast to coast. The longest

rides were with truckers They popped little white pills - amphetamines — to help them stay alert during long hauls "Speed" is a great drug for loos-

ening the tongue. The faster the mouth runs. the less discretion Almost all of the drivers I rode with engaged in loud, nonstop talk ing. It took lots of patience to endure their rap - but it was worth it to get where I was

going. Assuming that woman's description of her husband is accurate, he needs to detox.

- Been There Myself in California

Dear Been There: I'm printing your letter as a warning for those who might need one. However, readers with experience in the trucking business felt the wife should have more empathy for her spouse. Read on:

Unscramble these four Jumbles. Dear Abby: I work in the one letter to each square. safety department of a large

to form four ordinary words.



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form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WHAT SHE TOLD THE BAKER TO

DO ON HER

Now arrange the circled letters to

BIRTHDAY CAKE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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All I want on it is

Jumbles: MESSY PARKA LIQUOR NAUSEA Answer: A round belly can be the result of too many - SOLIABE MEALS

## **Dating service deal tough to break**

Dear Annie: I am in Annie's Mailbox my late 30s and live on a limited income. Three months ago, I joined a dating service in my hometown. I had an interview with the agency's director and almost walked out because of the expensive membership prices and high-pressure sales pitch. At the last minute however the interviewer lowered her prices substantially so I could afford it. Because the direc tor did me this favor, I felt com pelled to join. I was assured I would "meet a lot of women.

Well, I haven't met anyone in the three months I've been a member.

The agency's database has a very small number of ladies in my age range. I contacted the few women available, and I heard back from only one, who promptly told me that she already was dating someone. There are no other women to call

When I joined the dating service, I signed a two-year contract, but I want to cancel. I also feel I

should be given a par tial refund. When I phoned the director, however, she said I am bound by that two-year contract. I called my local Better Business au, and they contacted the agency. I'm still waiting for a re-

I don't believe I should be stuck in a two-year membership that did nothing for me

Steamed in Sarasota, Fla Dear Steamed: A contract generally contains obligations for both sides — in this instance, you agreed to pay dues, and they agreed to provide a list of avail-able women to date. If they haven't held up their end of the contract, you may indeed have a way out, but it will require seeing a lawyer. Meanwhile, keep in mind that dating services, even legitimate ones, are not guaran-

Dear Annie: Earlier this year, I thought I smelled gas around our property, but my

husband could smell nothing Today, I returned home from shopping. The house had been closed up for several hours, and as I walked through the living room, I was sure I smelled gas. I opened up the doors and windows, and noticed that I had

developed a slight headache The gas company came and confirmed there was a leak. He explained to me that women seem to be much more sensitive to the odor of gas and men often

do not notice it This is one time I'm glad I could tell my husband, "I told you so." The repair will cost us, but the alternative could have been so much worse

- Wapakoneta, Ohio Dear Ohio: People should not be timid about calling the gas company if they have the slight est suspicion there may be a leak. Better safe than sorry. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, Iongtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, C/O Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate









After reaching the far side, Tonga cut the bridg sending the outraged suburbanites into the riv below. Their idol was now his ... as well as its curse





## **SCOREBOARD**

## AFN TV & Radio

#### Thursday

AFN-Sports, 9 ——NFL: AFC Divisional playoff game, N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh (did).
AFN-Sports, noon—Tennis: Australian Open, Day 4 (did, joined in progress).
AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—NFL: NFC Opisional playoff game, St. Louis at Allanta (did).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—Goff: Buick invitational, first round.

#### Friday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—College basketball: owa at Illinois. AFN-Sports, 2:15 a.m.—NBA: Houston at Orango. **AFN-Radio, 2:30 a.m.**—NBA: L.A. Clippers at Dallas. AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—College basketball: Marquette at DePaul.

Marquette at BePaul.
AFH-Sports, 4:30 a.m.—NBA: Cleveland at sacramento.
AFH-Sports, 9 a.m.—College basketball: owa at Illinois (clid).
AFH-Sports, noon—College basketball: Ari-cona at Oregon (did).
AFH-Sports, 3 p.m.—Tennis: Australian peen, Day's (did).

5 (010). ts, 9 p.m.—Golf: Buick Invitation-All Times are Central European Time; did indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

## Pro football

## NFL playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 8 St. Louis 27, Seattle 20 N.Y. Jets 20, San Diego 17, OT Sunday, Jan. 9

Indianapolis 49, Denver 24
Minnesota 31, Green Bay 17
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Pittsburgh 20, N.V. Jets 17, O1
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at Pittsburgh
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
Jacksonville

## College basketball

#### AP Men's Top 25 fared

Tuesday Illinois (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. owa, Thursday 23 Iowa, Thursday.
2. Kansas (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Wednesday.
3. Wake Forest (15-2) lost to Florida State 91-83, OT. Next: at No. 20 Cincinnati, Satur-

day. 4. Duke (13-0) did not play. Next: at Miami. of, Duke (17-0) did not play, Next: at Manni, A. Duke (17-0) did not play, Next: at Sandon, Saturday, Next: va. Baylor, Saturday, Old not play, Next: va. Baylor, Saturday, Old not play, Next: va. Baylor, Saturday, Old not play, Next: va. Clemon, Wendraddy, Old not play, Next: va. Mississippi, Wednesday, Va. Revnicky (17-2) did not play, Next: va. Villanova, Wendresday, I. O. Weshington (15-2) did not play, Next: va. Villanova, Wendresday, Vandresday, Vandres

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abama 98-49. Next: vs. Soutn Caronna, Janu-day. Oklahoma (14-2) beat Texas. A&M 70-8. Next: vs. N. 15. Feoras, Saturday. Perdue 1-8. Next: vs. N. 15. Feoras, Saturday. Perdue 1-8. Next: at Minnesoria, Saturday. Q. Clicinnati (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Charlotte, Wednesday. 2.1. Pittsburgh (15) lost to St. John's 2.1. Pittsburgh (15) lost to St. John's 2.2. Alabama (14-3) beat No. 17 Mississippi extra 68-48. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.

22. Aldbarrid (14-3) Deat No. 17 Mississippi State 98-49. Next: at Mississispipi, Saturday. 23. Iowa (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Illinois, Thursday. 24. Wisconsin (12-3) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday. Michigan, Saturday. 25. Marquette (14-2) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Thursday.

Tuesday's men's scores

## Adelphi 65, C.W. Post 62

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Becker 73, Bard 72
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MIT 68, Clark U. 58 Mass.-Dartmouth 73, Rhode Island Coll. 71 Molloy 85, Dowling 77 N.J. Tech 76, Domlinican, N.Y. 72, OT Neumann 64, Cabrini 52 Nichols 90, Wentworth Tech 78 Nichols 90, Wentworth Tech 78 Oneonta 90, Utica Tech 83 Penn St. Behrend 85, Medaille 64 Plattsburgh 76, St. Lawrence 69 Plymouth St. 81, Keene St. 71 Oueens, N.Y. 92, N.Y. Tech 90, OT Roger Williams 72, Curry 68 S. Maline 93, Mass.-Boston 68 S. Salem St. 90, Westfield 51, 82 Shepher 177, Allerson-Broaddus St. Login's 65, Plitsburgh 62 iddus 69

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Syracuse 76, Georgetown 70 OT
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FAR WEST BYU-Hawaii 100, Montana St.-Billings 99, OT W. New Mexico 93, Hawaii Pacific 83

Tuesday's women's scores

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Brown 64, Rays 58

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Brown 64, Rays Tuesday's women's scores

William Smith 79, Elmira 72
Worcester St. 46, Franmingham St. 41
Averett 70, Methodist 60
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Bryad 77, King, Tenn. 68
Bryad 78, Mount Vernon Nazaren 57
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## Baseball

#### Remaining free agents NEW YORK (AP) - The 69 remaining free

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANAHEIM (2) — Shane Halter, 3b; Aaron

ele, rhp. BALTIMORE (4) — Marty Cordova, d Imar Daal, lhp; Buddy Groom, lhp; Dav Omar Daal, lhp: Buddy Groom, lhp: David Segui, dh. BOSTON (6) — Pedro Astacio, rhp: Ellis Burks, dh; Ricky Gutierrez, 2b; Curtis Leskan-ic, rhp: Ramiro Mendoza, rhp: Scott William-

CHICAGO (1) – Magglio Ordonez, of.
CLIEVAGO (1) – Magglio Ordonez, of.
CLIEVAGO (1) – Rick White, rhp.
DETROIT (1) – Allan Levine, rhp.
NEW YORK (4) – Tony Clark, 1b; Travis
Lee, lb; CJ. Nitkowski, lip; John Olerud, lb.
OAKLAND (2) – Jim Mecir, rhp; Mark

(cLemore, 2b. SEATTLE (1) — Edgar Martinez, dh. TAMPA BAY (2) — Brook Fordyce, c; Rey

gen, rhp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (5) — Carlos Baerga, 1b; Mike Fetters, rhp; Shane Reynolds, rhp; Scott Service, rhp; Steve Sparks, rhp.

CHICAGO (2) — Tom Goodwin, of; Ben
Crious of rieve, of. CINCINNATI (3) — Darren Bragg, of; Barry arkin, ss; Todd Van Poppel, rhp. COLORADO (2) — Jeromy Burnitz, of; Steve

COUNTRIES (2) — renoing burning on state of the COUNTRIES (3) — Burn Oliver, lip.

LOS ANGELES (6) — Elmer Dessens, rhp;

Todd Hundley, c; Brent Mayne, c; Hideo Nomor, rhp; Paul Shuey, rhp; Robin Ventura, lb.

LOW YORK (4) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp; John Nomer Shee New York (3) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp; John Nomer Shee New Rev Variety 10; Todd 7 Zolich

NEW YORK (4) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp; John ranco, lhp; Mo Vaughn, 1b; Todd Zeile, 1b. PHILADELPHIA (1) — Doug Glanville, of, PITTSBURGH (1) — Brian Boehringer, rhp. ST. LOUIS (1) — Ray Lankford, of. SAN DIEGO (5) — Andy Ashby, rhp; Rich Au-illa, ss; Robert Fick, dh; Dave Hansen, 1b; ntonio Osuna, rhp. SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Robb Nen, rhp.

#### Free agent signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 138 free agents who have signed, with name, position former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and manage

20. New York Yankest, to a minor league (1982) of 1982 of 1982

re-signed bave McCaffy, In. to a minor league contract (\$550,000).

CHICAGO (3) — Signed Dustin Hermanson, hip. San Francisco, to a \$53.5 million, the signed based of the signed based of

Oracle Telephone (a) — Re-signed Bob Wick-man, rhp, to a \$2.75 million, one-year con-ract signed Jose Hernandez, 2b, Los Ange-es, to a \$1.8 million, one-year contract signed Kevin Millwood, rhp, Philadelphia, to \$7 million, one-year contract; signed Juan sonzalez, of, Kansas City, to a minor league ontract (\$50,000).

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ss. Boston, To a \$12 million, one-year con-TAMAPA BAY () — Sipped Alex Contrale; ss. San Diego, To a \$1.5 million, one-year contracts signed benny Bustess, of, Articona, contracts signed benny Bustess, of, Articona, Roberto Alomar, 2b, Chicago White Sor, to a Roberto Alomar, 2b, Chicago White Sor, to a Roberto Alomar, 2b, Chicago White Sor, to a Roberto Alomar, 2b, Chicago White Sor, to to a \$1.0 million, one-year contract signed Manny Alexander, 2b, to a minor league 555,000, one-year contract fire-eligined Manny Alexander, 2b, to a minor league of the contract (\$500,000); re-eligined signed Roberto Hidden, 2b, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); re-eligined paid (\$5

tract.

TORONTO (3) — Re-signed Greg Myers, c, to a minor league contract (\$700,000); signed Corey Koskie, 3b, Minnesota, to a \$17 million, three-year contract; re-signed million, three-year contract; re-signed Gregg Zaun, c, to a \$1.05 million, one-year

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA (7) — Re-signed Quinton Mc ARIZONA (7) — Re-signed Quinton Mc Cracken, of, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Troy Glaus, 3b, Anaheim to a \$45 million, four-year contract; signer Russ Ortiz, rhp, Atlanta, to a \$33 million four-year contract; signed Kelly Stinnett, c, Kansas City, to a minor league contract;

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signed Royce Clayton, ss, Colorado, to a \$1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Craig Counsell, ss, Milwaukee, to a \$3.1 mill ion, two-year contract; signed Shawn Estes lhp, Colorado, to a \$2.5 million, one-year con

Inb., Cotorida, to a \$2.5 million, one-year contract.

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Allanta, to a \$1 million, one-year contract,
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Chicago (5) — Re-signed Glendon Busch,
pp. to a \$3 million, two-year contract

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Chicago Cuos, to a \$1.1.2 million, two-year washington (3) — Signed Cyclatian Guz-man, ss. Monnesota, to a \$5.0 million man, ss. Monnesota, to a \$5.0 million, two-year contract; signed will Cordero, of, Florida, to a \$5.2 million, two-year contract; signed will Cordero, of, Florida, to a Colazia, ripe, XV, Mets, to a \$2.3 million, one-year Contract Signed able Kapler, of, Boot-YoMURI (3) — Signed dable Kapler, of, Boot-year Contract, and the signed signed ban Miceli, ripe, Houston, to a one-year Contract.

JAPANESE PACIFIC LEAGUE FUKOUKA (1) — Signed Tony Batista, 3b, Montreal, to a \$15 million, two-year con-

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#### SCOPEROARD FROM PAGE 24

## College hockey

Tuesday's scores

EAST Canisius 3, Mercyhurst 2 Connecticut 5, Sacred Heart 3 Geneseo St. 5, Elmira 1 Hobart 4, Buffalo St. 2 Mass.-Dartmouth 4, Mass.-Boston 2 Mass.-Dartmouth 4, Mass.-Bostor Mass.-Lowell 0, Brown 0, Lie New England Coll. 5, Curry 3 Nichols 4, Framingham St. 3 Oswego St. 4, Hamilton 0 Salve Regina 6, Assumption 5, OT Utica 1, Cortland St. 1, Ite Williams 6, Middlebury 3 Milchigan Tech 6, Notre Dame 2

#### Deals

## Tuesday's transactions

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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms
with 2B Placido Polanco, SS Jimmy Rollins
and RHP Vicente Padilla on one-year con-

racts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Fogg and OF Craig Wilson on ne-year contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Rick Ankiel on a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with

3B Sean Burroughs on a one-year contract. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with C Yorvit Torrealba on a one-year contract. WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to

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NFL -Named Frank Supovitz senior vice
president of events
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed TE Aaron
Golliday and WR Luke Powell.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Jim Fassel offensive coordinator, Rick Neuheisel quarterbacks coach and Rex Ryan defensive coordibacks. backs coach and hearty and contained.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed RB
Kory Chapman to the practice squad. Re-leased TE Mike Solwold from the practice

COLLEGE
BINGHAMTON—Named Tony Robie wresing coach.

CLEVELAND STATE—Announced sopho-ore men's basketball Fije Nwankwo trans-pred from Purdue.

DRAKE—Named Amy Farber-Knowles wom-n's volleyball coach.

DUKE—Named Marty Riggs first base coach and outfielders coach, Thomas Coff-man director of athletic development, and

elopment.

EASTERN WASHINGTON—Agreed to terms yith Paul Wulff, football coach, on a EASTERN WASHINGTON—INCOME.

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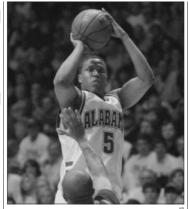
orgo his senior season and make himself eli-lible for the NFL draft. MUHLENBERG—Named Rob Shutte men's golf coach. NEBRASKA—Named Lee Maes men's assis-tant vollawhall coach.

volleyball coach. VA SOUTHEASTERN—Named Kevin h men's and women's golf coach. EGON—Named Gary Crowton offensive

coordinator.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Announced the retire-ment of Mike McGee, athletic director, effecment of Mike McGee, atmedictine constitute June 30.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA—Named Dennis Roland football coach.

WINTHROP—Named Aaron Shepardson assistant volleyball coach.



Alabama guard Earnest Shelton scored a career-high 34 points in the Crimson Tide's 98-49 victory over Mississippi State on Tuesday night.

## Alabama hands Miss. St. worst defeat in 50 years

The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA Ala - Earnest Shelton scored a career-high 34 points and Alabama held Mississippi State without a field goal for nearly 15 minutes of the first half in a 98-49 victory Tuesday night the Bulldogs' worst loss in 50

The No. 22 Crimson Tide (14-3 3-1 Southeastern Conference) allowed just three field goals in the first half for a 49-18 lead, shutting down the Bulldogs' backcourt and denying star Lawrence Roberts uncontested shots at the bas-

It didn't get any better after that for No. 17 Mississippi State (15-4, 3-2), which matched its second-worst loss, a 113-64 defeat at Louisville on Dec. 8, 1954. The game was supposed to be a battle for early control of the SEC West, but it ended up looking more like a nonconference mismatch.

The Bulldogs trailed 9-8 early but went 14:33 without a field goal before Roberts banked one in with 1:04 left in the first half. They shot 3-for-20 in the half. Mississippi State, which fell to 1-2 since second-leading scorer Winsome Frazier was lost to a broken foot, has lost two straight road

games since winning 16 in a row. Without him, the Bulldogs had no answer for Shelton Kennedy Winston (24 points) or Ronald Steele (10 assists).

With 23 points, Shelton outscored the Bulldogs by himself in their lowest-scoring first half of

No. 18 Oklahoma 70, Texas A&M 54: At College Station, Texas, Drew Lavender scored a season-high 23 points and the Sooners snapped the Aggies 11-game home winning streak.

son over a ranked team The Sooners (14-2, 3-0 Big 12) have won eight straight and 12 of

## Men's Top 25

Lawrence McKenzie snarked Oklahoma's game-closing 13-1 run with consecutive threes and Lavender finished it by scoring seven straight points to help seal the victory

Antoine Wright led the Aggies (12-3, 1-3) with 24 points on 8-for-12 shooting, and was the only A&M player to score in dou-

No. 19 Michigan St. 71, Purue 64: At East Lansing, Mich. Maurice Ager scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half to help the Spartans get past the Boiler-

The Spartans (11-3, 3-1 Big Ten) looked sluggish early, still reeling from their collapse at Wisconsin on Sunday, before riding Ager's sharp shooting late in the

Carl Landry scored a career-high 31 points for Purdue (4-11, 0-5) and David Teague had 13. The Boilermakers are 0-5 in the Big Ten for the first time since the 1962-63 season.

St. John's 65, No. 21 Pittsburgh 62: At New York, Daryll Hill scored 26 points, including three free throws in the final 2 seconds, and the Red Storm ended a three-game losing streak

with a victory over the Panthers. Hill, who had career highs of 29 and 30 in his last two games, only had three points over the final 15 minutes but they were enough to give the Red Storm (7-7, 1-3 Big East) their second victory this sea

Carl Krauser had 22 points. seven assists and eight turnovers for the Panthers (12-3, 3-2), who had won two in a row after dropping two straight at home.

## **Syracuse-Georgetown** rivalry shows new life

## No. 7 Orange prevail in overtime

BY JOHN KEKIS The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The rivalry between Georgetown and Syracuse used to be one of the fiercest in college basketball.

The Hoyas had the volatile John Thompson prowling the sidelines, while Syracuse's Jim Boeheim ranted and raved every time the teams played With John Thompson III coaching the Hoyas now and Boeheim still around, that rivalry might just be rekindled if Tuesday night's game is any indication of what lies ahead

Given a second chance by Brandon Bowman's big feet, the No. 7 Orange squeezed out a 78-73 vic tory over the Hoyas in overtime Tuesday night.

"They go out and fight hard every time. It's a tradition," said senior forward Hakim Warrick, who had 25 points and 11 rebounds to lead Syracuse (18-1, 5-0 Big East).

Last year, Syracuse won 57-54 Georgetown on Gerry Mc Namara's three-pointer from the top of the key at the final buzzer That was simply another low point in a bad season. The Hoyas won only 13 games under head coach Craig Esherick, their few-est wins since 1973-74, John Thompson's second year.

Worse still, Georgetown won only four league games, a record-low for the program, and was picked to finish at the bottom of the Big East this season

But Thompson, whose famous father retired in 1999 after 27 years, was hired in April, and the results have been impressive. With three freshmen starters,

ne Hoyas (11-5, 3-2) have won at Pittsburgh and Rutgers, threat-ened at Connecticut before falling 66-59, and were coming off a last-second victory at Villanova.

Rowman nearly made Syracuse the next victim in a seesaw game that was tied seven times and had 10 lead changes. After a free throw by Warrick

gave Syracuse a 67-65 lead with 71 seconds left in regulation, Bowman was fouled by Craig Forth but missed the front end of a 1-and-1. McNamara then attempt ed a three-pointer, but the shot

to go, giving the Hoyas one last

They worked the ball to Bowman at the top of the key, and he hit a jumper with 2.3 seconds left But his size-17 feet were barely on the three-point line and it left the score tied at 67, forcing over-

"I saw an opportunity and knocked it down," said Bowman, who scored 19 points before fouling out in the final seconds. "I thought it was a three, but I guess my shoes are too big. I wish I was a size 14"

It was so close, the officials looked at the replay before ruling it a two-pointer

We wanted to put the ball in his [Bowman's] hands and let him decide," Thompson said. "I thought he was behind the line. but the replay showed he wasn't. Obviously, we're not going home the way we wanted to.

Syracuse then scored the first seven points of the extra period and won its 11th straight.

"Thank God he was on the line," said McNamara, who scored 17 points and made five three-pointers to run his career total to a school-record 251, "We knew we were going to play a tough team "

Aside from the Orange's loss to Oklahoma State. Georgetown gave Syracuse its toughest game of the season despite serious foul trouble for its top three scorers.

Freshman Jeff Green, who fouled out with 4:44 left in regulation, finished with 12 points, five rebounds and five assists, and Ashanti Cook, who was called for his fourth foul less than 2 minutes into the second half, had only seven points in 18 minutes.

Syracuse took charge early in the overtime. Louie McCroskey hit a 15-foot baseline jumper to start the biggest run of the game for either team, McNamara drained a three from the right corner after Bowman missed two more free throws, and Warrick sailed in alone for a resounding one-hand slam dunk after a turnover in the lane by Jonathan Wal-That gave Syracuse a 74-67

lead, the largest for either team, and the Hoyas couldn't recover.

## Wake: Galloway, Thornton lift FSU offense in extra period

## WAKE, FROM BACK PAGE

"You've got to stop somebody and we couldn't stop anybody, Prosser said.

Al Thornton and Galloway took up the slack after Wafer cooled Galloway scored nine points in

just over two minutes to give the Seminoles an 89-80 lead with 37 seconds left.

Thornton scored 20 of his 26 points after halftime, including Florida State's first four of the overtime, and finished with a game-high 10 rebounds. "We needed that type of effort

from them and they all came through," Hamilton said. Chris Paul scored 29 points,

just one shy of his career high, Downey added 21 and Eric Williams had 18 for Wake Forest.

Paul was 9-for-14 from the field, made 10 straight free throws and led the Demon Deacons with nine rebounds.

## On the edge of leaving

## Without a contract for the upcoming season, James might part ways with stymied Colts

BY TOM HANSON

Naples (Fla.) Daily News

Over the years, Indianapolis Colts running back Edgerrin James has netted several enviable possessions.

He has a Bentley, a speedboat and a cou-ple of NFL rushing titles.



And if he isn't smiling the sparkling bling on his neck shows off the riches of his six-year NFL ca-

But there's one piece of iewelry, one worldly possession, he hasn't yet garnered
— thanks or no thanks to the New England Patriots. For the second straight season, the Patriots have ended Edgerrin's and Colts' season. New England keeps everyone in Indy dreaming of a ring.

A trip to the NFL title game, however, isn't the only thing Edgerrin is soon to be

Currently, he doesn't have a new con tract. And even though he's has plenty of money, he might not be able to buy his free-

Edgerrin's future is much like Randy Moss's hair and ego — up in the air.

He becomes an unrestricted free agent on March 1. Working under a tight salary cap, the Colts are unable to give the 26-year-old a long-term contract after locking up wide receivers Marvin Harrison and Brandon Stokley to new multiyear deals.

But Indianapolis could keep their 1999 first-round pick for one more season by giving him the franchise tag by Feb. 22. Colts owner Jim Irsay said in December that it's

However, Edge's 37 yards in another loss to the Patriots might change his thinking. As the franchise player, the Colts would have to pay the former Miami Hurricane the average salary of the NFL's top five running backs

That would net Edgerrin at least \$8 million for one season But that's all he'll he guaranteed. No long-term security and nothing for his finger.

While keeping Edgerrin would keep the Colts' offensive three-headed juggernaut of Peyton Manning, James and Harrison together another year, it doesn't help Indianapolis' dismal defense

The Colts are 34-6 when Edgerrin rushes for 100 vards or more, but that hasn't carried them past the AFC championship

Plus, Edgerrin isn't the only potential free agent. With offensive tackle Ryan Diem, guard Rick DeMulling and lineback-



Edgerrin James (32), one of four NFL players to exceed 2,000 total yards in three seasons might receive the team's franchise tag, leaving him in a Colts uniform for another year.

er Rob Morris just three of the nine potential free agents, Indianapolis will fill holes instead of opening them for Edge. And does one more season in the shadow

of Manning benefit Edgerrin?

This season, his second after knee surgery, James finished third in the AFC with 1,548 rushing yards. His average of 4.6 yards a carry was the best of his career. He caught 51 passes for 483 yards, which gave him more than 2,000 yards from scrimmage for the third time in his career. Only

Walter Payton, Eric Dickerson and Marshall Faulk have accomplished the feat more, four times apiece

Edgerrin's reward is his third trin to the Pro Bowl, his first since leading the league in rushing in 2000.

"This means more because I was able to get back playing at this level," he said. "It shows how hard I worked to get back."

While a trip to the beaches of Honolulu sounds like paradise, it's not Jacksonville. And it doesn't buy his freedom.

## The curtain falls on Vikings tragicomedy

By PATRICK REUSSE Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS - Ridiculing the Vikings has been a staple for the cable TV analysts and the nation's sporting press dating to the 41-0 setback against the New York

Giants in the 2000 postseason. The Vikings returned to the playoffs this month, and actually won a game in Green Bay, but they again departed to hoots of press box derision in Sunday's 27-14 loss at Philadelphia.

The cartoonish attempt to execute a fake field goal made it too easy for the Purple's media critics.

Two dozen people on the Vikings sideline making signals ne telling Randy Moss to "get off," others to "stay on," others wanting a timeout.

"The Minnesota Vikings just about have the game of football figured out, except for small matters like fake field goals are sup-posed to confuse the other team," wrote columnist Bob Ford in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Coach Mike Tice thought he

was defending his operation when he said the Vikings spent two weeks preparing this play, only to have it foiled when lineman Corv Withrow took his regular spot in the blocking formation, making Moss one Purple too many.
On Monday, Tice remained

proud of the concept, lamenting the Vikings had failed to execute "what I thought was a brilliantly designed [fake] field goal.

The big, lovable goof fails to realize that taking pride in the scheming and practice time that went into this fake only serves to

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increase the guffaws among his team's delighted naysayers. The Vikings spent two weeks

plotting, practicing, and when the time comes, it looked like Homer Simpson coaching a Pop Warner

Who said that? Anyone who

The Vikings are this NFL-mad nation's punchline again - as they were after 41-0, as they were after Nate (Nobody) Poole knocked them out of the 2003 playoffs on the season's last play. as they were after Moss' reverse pass in December, as they were when Moss exited early in early January, and as they were a week later when he pantomimed dropning his nants

You want the epitaph on this edition of the Vikings? Here it is: They could fake a

moon but not a field goal.

The tragicomic quality of this organization dates beyond the Massacre in the Meadowlands dates back precisely 44 years, to Jan. 18, 1961, when Norm Van Brocklin was selected the Vikings' first coach

He was forceful, wacky and eventually futile. His six seasons were the first act in the Purple's eternal black comedy.

Now, we have Act V or VI, and

it dates to when?

Right - to Jan. 17, 1999, when Gary Anderson missed his field goal, and Morten Andersen made his, and a 15-1 offensive machine failed to reach the Super Bowl.



Star receiver Randy Moss' antics this season have exemplified the lack of discipline that is damaging Minnesota's chances of success.

If you don't think this is all connected, tell me then, who was the placekicker lined up for a chip shot Sunday in Philly, when Big Mike decided it was time to forgo three points and unveil the brilliantly devised scheme he had bursting inside his large cranium for two weeks?

Morten Andersen, that's who Yup. This is all connected. Good things happen to the Vi-kings, so bad things can happen to the Vikings. Consider:

■ Van Brocklin and his rookie quarterback, Fran Tarkenton, beat the Chicago Bears in the team's first game, so they could both depart six years later in a bitter dispute.

Tice and his Vikings upset the Packers in a first playoff meeting between rivals, so Tice and his Vikings can play the stooges for their hooting critics a week later, turning brilliant design into a scene

om a Wes Anderson movie.

The Vikings draft Moss in April 1998 and immediately put together an amazing offensive ma-chine, so six years later they can be the fools for the nation's foothall followers



Vikings coach Mike Tice touted his call for a fake field goal on Sunday, which resulted in failure when the team did not have the proper personnel on the field.

Tice dedicated much effort starting in minicamps — to bring more discipline. All the barking, all the drills, and the Vikings reduced their penalty total from 127 in 2003 to 117 this season. Some progress, and then came

Sunday, when four of the Eagles' 10 most important plays were Vikings nenalties against Philly's receivers

The Vikings remained unhappy Monday over the ticky-tacky na-ture of three of those calls. But maybe a team with a water-squirting, early-leaving, moon-faking star receiver is going to look guilty in any 50-50 situation.

Maybe a franchise that has as its public face someone who is proud to say he doesn't listen to anybody and never will - maybe that's a team that will stay true to its tragicomic roots, until the organization finds the guts to make a move that would be as bold and dramatic as Tarkenton's return from the Giants in 1972.

This is football. Discipline is needed to win. As long as Moss is around, the Vikings won't have it.

## Hackett resigns from Jets

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - New York Jets offensive coordinator Paul Hackett resigned Wednesday, ending a four-year stint marred by criticism for his conservative play-calling.

The move was expected after the Jets' 20-17 overtime loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday. Jets head coach Herman Edwards "and I agreed that the time was right to move in an-other direction," Hackett said

in a statement.
"There are other opportunities that I would like to explore. I leave knowing that I've worked extremely hard and had a hand in the organization's recent success."

The Jets showed little imagi-

nation in their version of the West Coast offense, ranking 17th in the NFL in scoring this season even though Curtis Martin led the league in rushing with 1,697 yards.

Chad Pennington threw for 2,673 yards and 16 touch-downs, while the Jets ranked 22nd in passing yards. Perhaps most upsetting to

team officials was the lack of offensive scoring in four games against Pittsburgh and New England, in which they managed just two touchdowns.

managed just two fouchdowns.
"The biggest negative is not
being able to score enough
points in those games," General Manager Terry Bradway
said Tuesday. "You can go
back, and find out that there were probably a bunch of plays that were left on the field

## Eagles' defense finds strength in numbers

BY BOB BROOKOVER The Philadelphia Inquires

PHILADELPHIA - This is not the same defense that the Philadelphia Eagles took into the past three NFC championship games It's not even the same defense they took into Pittsburgh 11 weeks ago, when the Steelers steamrolled them for 252 rushing yards on their way to a lopsided 24-point victory.

The Eagles' defense that will take the field in Sunday's NFC title game against the Atlanta Falcons has much more speed, many more playmakers and so much more depth than ever before.

It also is in good health. Defensive coordinator

Johnson loves all of the above. The speed factor should come in particularly handy against the Falcons, who have that quarterback who's faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound and, if you be-lieve the Nike commercial, capable of throwing a football out of the stadium.

Michael Vick is dangerous, but

he's not Super Quarterback. History tells us that a fast complicated defense can cause major problems for Vick and the Falcons. The most recent proof is

Tamna Ray The Falcons' NFC South rival has linebacker Derrick Brooks and defensive end Simeon Rice, and they both have the ability to put pressure on Vick

When the Bucs blanked Vick and the Falcons 27-0 in Week 13,

threw two interceptions. The Falcons finished with 92 passing yards that day.

"Tampa has quickness," Johnson said. "And they were able to get turnovers against them in that game. There was a sequence in that game where Atlanta went right down the field and then turned it over on the 1-vard line. Part of stopping that team is getting turnovers.'

The Eagles got second-half intercentions Sunday from Ike Reese and Jeremiah Trotter in their win over Minnesota, and that sucked the life out of Daunte Culpepper, Randy Moss and the Vikings

That's why playmakers are so

vital in the postseason. A year ago, the only outside pressure the Eagles got in the playoffs was from their championship-starved fan base. In their previous three NFC title games, they have had one sack which result. ed in a loss of 2 yards. And that was in their first title game against St. Louis.

They also have forced just one turnover in the three title games. That came against Tampa Bay on a Bobby Taylor interception

and did not result in points. It's hard to imagine this Eagles defense, with Jevon Kearse apply ing pressure from the outside and Trotter wreaking havoc in the middle, going an entire game without a turnover or a sacl

The Eagles have forced at least one turnover and made one sack in every game but one this season, and that was the season finale against Cincinnati when exhibi-



Game time is Central European

tion football made an appearance

in January.
Eagles end-but-don't-break They were a year ago against Carolina, but that changed after the Pittsburgh loss when Trotter regained his starting linebacker job. The gap in the middle of the Eagles' defense significantly narrowed after that.

Vick, as quick as he is, takes his share of sacks, and the Falcons allow their share. Their total of 50 was tied for the fourth most in the NFC and the fifth most in the NFL. Vick was sacked 46 times, tied for second most in the NFL Only Houston's David Carr (49) was sacked more times, and he

threw 145 more passes than Vick. "Sometimes Vick runs himself into sacks," an NFL scout said. Vick is also prone to surrender the football. He fumbled it a

league-high 17 times this season and lost seven, which was tied for the league lead with Baltimore's Kyle Roller He also threw 12 in terceptions

The Eagles, like Tampa Bay have the speed to run Vick into mistakes.

As much as having speed and playmakers helps the Eagles, they also have strength in numbers.

"We've just got a lot of guys on this defense who are role players." Johnson said. "I don't think I've ever had this many role players on a defense before

## **Patriots buy what Belichick** is selling

Pittshurgh Post-Gazette

FOXBORO, Mass. -McGinest launched into his sermon. His bully pulpit was the first stall on the left closest to the entrance to the New England Patrilocker room underneath

Gillette Stadium His congregants Sunday night were cameras, microphones and notepads.

His message was clearer than the moon over Cape Cod: Selfish professional football players of today can pray to their fallen idolatry elsewhere.

Here at the House of Unification, William Belichick presiding, there is nothing spoken but the word of togetherness.

"We exemplify 'team,' " McGinthe

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Patriots

est said. "Sports kind of got away from that team concept. You get one really good player, you're them seeing mouth off on tele-

"We're not big on that. We don't have the selfish guys a lot of teams do. New

guys get that pretty quickly." They strive for Sundays as one It is the Patriots way of Belichick and Scott Pioli, the vice president and player personnel director who first joined the coach in Cleveland in 1992. Together in New England since 2000, they have found their calling together: Bring the right players into the tent, imbue cohesion and victo-

ries will come. This is how a team went from \$10 million over the salary cap and only 36 Patriots on the roster in 2000 and won a Super Bowl the next season. This is how a team endured 42 starters and 25 different lineups last season to win another Super Bowl. This is how a team wins 30 of its past 32 games and rolls into Heinz Field for the AFC championship game Sunday with a starting lineup that changed almost weekly this season

You think the Pittsburgh Steelers endured injuries and alterations? The Patriots (15-2) compete with them statistically in those categories with 19 starters on offense and 20 on defense.

Sunday night, when the Patriots upended popular pick Indianapolis while limiting the record-setting offense to just one field goal in a 20-3 victory, New England had another new starter Twelve-year veteran Troy Brown reveled in telling the media afterward that it was his first start at wide receiver this season, after 51 starts in the previous five seasons

No, under Belichick and Pioli, according to their gospel of unification, this particular old guy is a nickel back now. Plays it with passion and abandon, as weird as a receiver's No. 80 looks in the secondary. Plays it regularly - with the Colts seemingly picking on him Sunday with eight passes to slot realso still plays receiver (two catches for 13 yards) and returns punts (two for 28). Plays it all because it is the Patriots' thing to do

'I didn't start calling up all the networks and saying 'Come cover me' because I'm playing both ways now," Brown said. "It doesn't matter if I start or not. My team needed me in a position that I wasn't used to playing (defensive back), and that's what I did. Whatever it takes to help this football team.'

"A lot of guys wouldn't do that," Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson

This is the philosophy Pioli and Belichick sell when searching for players, and their Patriots buy, buy, buy ... all the way to a 60-27 record since 2000

Linebacker Mike Vrabel, a player the Steelers never could quite find a steady spot for, found a meager

Pittsburgh \$225,000 bonus Steelers and a two-way home with New 12:30 a.m. Monday England - he AFN-A, AFN-P, AFN Radio starts on defense and plays goal-line tight end, from where

he caught two touchdown passes this season Don Davis was a nine-year line-

backer who started for the first time at safety in the Patriots' final two regular-season games. With regular cornerbacks Tv

Law and Tyrone Poole on injured reserve, rookie Randall Gay started 10 games in three positions in the secondary. "We had guys step up who

we had guys step up who haven't had a whole lot of experi-ence," offensive tackle Matt Light said. "We do it every year, but it is just amazing. This is a great place to play if you want to win football games Your motivation is just to com-

pete and put your best effort out there and win," Belichick said. "We have a lot of guys like that in our locker room.

So they can cut loose a malcontent like Lawyer Milloy and nab a supposedly washed-up Rodney Harrison at safety. So they can trade for a disgruntled Corey Dillon. Because those players will adant to the environment around the Patriots. It might seem like they're looking for sheep, players But, like Belichick can herd. McGinest sermonized, they certainly aren't looking for wolves.

When you're around guys like Tedy Bruschi and Willie (McGinest) and David (Givens) and Troy Brown and Joe Andruzzi, you're around those guys all day, good things wear off," said quarterback Tom Brady, the only nationally recognized star on a team where the true star is the system.

Continued McGinest from his pulpit: "It's about the best team that's left standing.

Two of the past three years, that was this Patriots House of Unification that Belichick and Pioli built





## **Boykins sets record in OT win**

The smallest player in the NBA did something no one - big, small or medium — had ever done

Earl Boykins broke the league record for points in an overtime period, scoring 15 of Denver's 21 points as the Nuggets, without two key players, beat the Seattle SuperSonics 116-110 on Tuesday

The 5-foot-5 guard broke the record of 14 overtime points set by Butch Carter of Indiana against Boston on March 20, 1984

Boykins didn't know he had set

a record. "Actually, I was overdue to play well here," said Boykins, who made four of six shots in overtime and finished with 18 points. "I'd never played well here in my career. I was aware of that. That's one record I was aware of. I just wanted to play well for myself."

In the first four quarters. Boykins hit one of six shots. He said he was determined to contribute after Carmelo Anthony sprained his right ankle early in the fourth quarter. The Nuggets also played without Kenyon Martin, who missed the game with a case of strep throat.

"I began to get more aggressive at the offensive end. I think my NBA scoreboard



teammates did a great job of getting me the ball every time down the court. The guys were looking for me," Boykins said.

The Nuggets, who had lost seven out of eight, ended a two-game losing streak and an eight-game losing road losing streak. They snapped Seattle's four-game home winning streak

Andre Miller scored 30 points and Marcus Camby had a season-high 25 points and a career-best 24 rebounds for Denver, which beat the Sonics for the first time in three games this sea-

Kings 113, Trail Blazers 107 (OT): At Sacramento, Chris Webber scored eight of his 32 points in overtime and also had 13 rebounds, six assists and four steals

in the Kings' fifth straight victory. Nick Van Exel forced overtime by hitting a baseline three-pointwith 8.6 seconds left in regulation, then had another chance in the extra period but missed a three under pressure with 14 seconds left

Webber, who had his fifth consecutive double-double, made four free throws in the waning seconds to seal it.

Steve Francis scored 32 points and Hedo Turkoglu added a season-high 29 as the Magic snapped Detroit's six-game winning

Doug Christie, playing his first home game since being acquired in a trade from Sacramento a week ago, hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 1:26 remaining to highlight a 20-6 stretch run In the closing seconds, Christie's tight defense on Richard Hamilton kept the Pistons from getting off a good shot.

Mavericks 137, Wizards 120: At Dallas, Jerry Stackhouse scored a season-high 29 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 28 points to surpass 10,000 for his career as

the Mavericks racked up the most points in the NBA this sea-Jason Terry added 26 points and Michael Finley had 25 to help the Mavericks to their seventh

win in nine games. Gilbert Arenas scored a career-high 43 points to pace the

Pacers 87, Rockets 74: At Houston, Jamaal Tinsley scored 28 points, including six during a key 10-0 run in the fourth quarter, and Jermaine O'Neal added 27. The 10-0 run came after a 63-63 tie with 9:31 to play, and the Pacers never led by fewer than six the rest of the way.



Suns coach Mike D'Antoni attributes Phoenix's woes to the absence of point guard Steve Nash, who is questionable with back spasms.

## More pain for Suns as Nash hurts back

BY BOB BAUM The Associated Press

PHOENIX - After limping home from an 0-4 road trip, the Phoenix Suns thought they would have Steve Nash back in the line. up Wednesday night against Memphis. Then Nash had his foot stepped on in Tuesday's practice by his backup.

Now, the Suns might have to get along without either one. The bruised left thigh that sidelined Nash for the past 21/2 games

is no longer a problem, but he twisted his back when backup point guard Leandro Barbosa stepped on his foot. Nash was in obvious discomfort after more than an hour of treatment. "It was painful," coach Mike

D'Antoni said "We'll see if he can get the snasms out and he might be fine, or he might have to take a few days off."

Nash is questionable for the Grizzlies game. Barbosa, the starter in Nash's absence, left America West Arena on crutches with a sprained left ankle and won't play on Wednesday.

If Nash and Barbosa both are out, Joe Johnson will move to point guard.

"I don't have any movement right now, but hopeful it will subside and I'll feel better soon," Nash said. "It's very frustrating. I was feeling great and was ready

to get it going again." With Nash — the runaway NBA leader in assists at 10.9 per game at the controls, the Suns bolted

to 31-4, one of the best starts in league history. Their style was fast and entertaining, a refreshing change from the plodding half-court game that dominates the NBA Three-pointers rained from all

sides, and lightning-quick Amare Stoudemire created havoc in the middle

Their 122-107 home victory over Miami a week ago was their seventh win in a row, and 18th in 19 games. But the next night, the cold-shooting Suns lost at Utah 115-108 the first of four road games in six days.

Nash had missed just four games in the previous three seasons with Dallas. But last Friday at Indiana, he went down in the first half with a bruised thigh. He sat out the next two, a 108-103 defeat at Washington and a listless 94-80 pounding at Detroit on Monday. The cohesive fast-naced play that had made the Suns special disintegrated.

"I think everybody tried to take the burden on their shoulders to a certain extent and do it themselves," said Shawn Marion, who was 3-for-9 shooting against the Pistons. "We can't be that way. We've got to do it collective do it together.'

Without the even distribution that Nash facilitates, the Suns suddenly look a lot like the team that

went 29-53 last season. "We still have the best record in the league and we've got to start acting like it," Johnson said. "With Steve out we've been a little tense, we've been a little unde-

cided. We've got to get that out of From the bench Nash watched the team concept evaporate.

"I don't think anyone was being selfish," he said. "I just think guys were trying too hard to make things happen. You've got to try to trust each other and allow each other to do it."

D'Antoni, meanwhile, there is no way the Suns would have gone 0-4 on the trip if Nash had played.

"You can go stretches without Steve in there," he said, "but if you try to do it over a 48-minute game, it just changes the way we play. We've never practiced for that way, or we don't run training camp for that way.

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| Iverson, Phil.    | 35  | 341 | 274 | 998  | 28.5 |  |  |  |
| Bryant, LAL       | 34  | 285 | 298 | 934  | 27.5 |  |  |  |
| Nowitzki, Dall,   | 34  | 296 | 283 | 924  | 27.2 |  |  |  |
| Stoudemire, Phoe. | 39  | 367 | 269 | 1003 | 25.7 |  |  |  |
| James, Clev.      | 36  | 337 | 186 | 895  | 24.9 |  |  |  |
| McGrady, Hou,     | 36  | 314 | 197 | 895  | 24.9 |  |  |  |
| Allen, Sea.       | 36  | 291 | 191 | 866  | 24.1 |  |  |  |
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| Garnett, Minn.    | 37  | 125 | 426 | 551  | 14.9 |  |  |  |
| B. Wallace, Det.  | 29  | 124 | 244 | 368  | 12.7 |  |  |  |
| Duncan, S.A.      | 40  | 134 | 332 | 466  | 11.7 |  |  |  |
| Murphy, G.S.      | 38  | 134 | 305 | 439  | 11.6 |  |  |  |
| Okafor, Char.     | 34  | 132 | 242 | 374  | 11.0 |  |  |  |
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## Hopkins to defend WBC title against Eastman

LOS ANGELES — Undisputed middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins will defend his WBC title against Howard Eastman on Feb. 19 at Staples Center.

The once-beaten Eastman, who was born in Guyana and now lives in England, is the WBC's second-ranked contender behind Felix Trinidad.

Hopkins, who turned 40 on Saturday, is coming off a ninth-round knockout of Oscar De La Hoya on Sept. 18 in Las Vegas, Hopkins' 19th successful title de-

De La Hoya, who has been steadily expanding his role in the sport, is promoting

the Hopkins-Eastman bout.
Hopkins, from Philadelphia, is 45-2-1 with 32 knockouts. He hasn't lost in more than a decade, since Roy Jones took an unanimous decision in 1993.

Hopkins' only other loss came in his first pro bout, a four-round majority decision defeat by Clinton Mitchell in 1988.

The 34-year-old Eastman is 40-1 and has 34 knockouts. His only loss was a 12-round majority decision to William Joppy for the vacant WBA middleweight crown on Nov. 17, 2001 in Las Vegas.

Two years later, Hopkins faced Joppy and won an unanimous 12-round decision. Eastman has stayed busy, fighting eight times in the past two years and stopping six of those foes, including a ninth-round knockout of former world champion Hass-

### Jury awards \$60M to family of girl paralyzed by drunken football fan

ine Cherifi in 2003

HACKENSACK, N.J. — A jury awarded \$60 million Tuesday to the family of a girl Sports briefs paralyzed in a car wreck caused by a drunken football fan. Ronald and Fazila Verni were headed

home from a pumpkin-picking trip in 1999 with their 2-year-old daughter, Antonia, when their car was hit by a truck driven by Daniel Lanzaro, 34. Antonia was paralyzed from the

neck down.

Lanzaro, whose blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit, is serving a

The family sued Aramark, the Giants Stadium concessionaire, claiming vendors

dum concessionaire, claiming vendors sold beers to Lanzaro even though he was clearly drunk and that Aramark fostered an atmosphere in which intoxicated patrons were served.

trons were served. The NFL forbids beer sales after the third quarter; the Giants shut down beer vendors after halftime. The stadium also mandates that fans can only buy two beers at a time — a rule Lanzaro sidestepped by tipping the vendor \$10, allowing him to buy six beers.

#### BIG Ten acknowledges officating error BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Big Ten

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Big Ten has admitted an officiating error that could have cost Indiana a game it won in double overtime at Purdue last weekend.

Purdue's Carl Landry scored and was fouled with less than a second left in the first overtime on Saturday, but he then missed a free throw that would have won the game for the Buildenmakers.

missed a free throw that would have won the game for the Boilermakers. Instead, the score remained tied and the Hoosiers won 75-73 after the second OT pe-

riod.
The Big Ten said Tuesday the officials in-

correctly interpreted rules regarding a basket made at or near the expiration of the game clock.

"While the foul was correctly called before time expired, the conference office's weekly review process showed that the ball was still in the hand of the Purdue shooter at the expiration of the game clock "the Big Tan said in a statement

clock," the Big Ten said in a statement.
According to NCAA rules, the field goal should not have counted and Landry should have been awarded two free throws the Big Ten said.

### NBA switches pair of Heat games

NEW YORK — Not wanting Donovan McNabb to overshadow Shaquille O'Neal, the NBA made two schedule changes Tuesday to avoid having the Miami Heat-Philadelphia 76ers game conflict with the Philadelphia Eagles' NFL playoff game against Atlanta

The Heat-76ers game in Philadelphia, originally scheduled for a 6 p.m. tipoff Sunday, was moved to 7 p.m. Monday.

Miami was originally scheduled to be home Monday night against the New Orleans Hornets, but that game has been moved up to Sunday at 6 p.m.

### Ferrari, FIA and F1 agree to new deal PARIS — Ferrari has signed a new For-

mula One deal through 2012, boosting F1 chief Bernie Ecclestone's chances of retaining control of the sport he's run for 25

years.
The FIA — the world governing body of motor sport — said Wednesday that Ferrari "had agreed to prolong the Concorde Agreement for the period 2008-2012."

The agreement is a contract covering the F1 teams, Ecclestone and the FIA. It spells

out how the sport is run and how its reve nues are divided.

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The new deal could fend off the breakaway threat of Grand Prix World Championship, a company owned by four major
carmakers in F1 — Ferrari, Mercedes,
Renault and BMW. GPWC had announced

#### Renault and BMW. GPWC had announced plans to wrest control of the sport from Ecclestone and run the series beginning in

FIFA signs sponsorship deal with Adidas ZURICH, Switzerland — FIFA has signed a \$351 million sponsorship deal with German sporting goods giant Adidas, officials announced Wednesday. Under the deal, Adidas will become the

Under the deal, Adidas will become the soccer governing body's official supplier of sports equipment from 2007 until 2014 and will have sponsorship rights to all FIFA events, including the World Cup.

#### FINA pulls world swimming championships from Montreal

FRANKFURT, Germany — Swimming's governing body pulled the 2005 world championships from Montreal on Wednesday because of local organizers' failure to raise enough money.

FINA said it would accept news bids for the event and announce a new host by Feb. 15. Athens, the host of the 2004 Olympics, and Long Beach, Calift, are possible replacement sites, and the German swimming federation said it will consider submitting a bid from Munich or Berlin.

The championships were scheduled for July 17-31.

Canadian organizers said they were \$5 million short of meeting their \$30 million budget.

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## No wasted effort for **Agassi, Safin, Williams**

## Kuznetsova also advances quickly; Sharapova has to rally to move on

BY PAUL ALEXANDER

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Andre Agassi and Marat Safin were quick and nearly mistake-free in advancing to the third round of the Australian Open.

The eighth-seeded Agassi looked sharp Wednesday in ousting Rainer Schuettler of Germany 6-3, 6-1, 6-0 in a rematch of the 2003 final. Agassi



ing through stiffness from a hip injuthat raised doubts whether he could even play in the Grand Slam opener, is seeking his fifth Australian Open title.

Safin, who tied a record with 30 sets spanning 20 hours

in seven matches last year, is trying to conserve energy this time after running out of gas against Roger Federer in the final He needed only 1 hour and 21 minutes to oust Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic 6-4. 6-1, 6-3.

Federer, meanwhile, had to hold off qual-ifier Takao Suzuki of Japan, outlasting him for a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win.

Agassi and Safin weren't the only ones in

Putting a doping allegation out of her mind, U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, seeded fifth, took out her frustra tions on Marion Bartoli of France 6-2, 6-0 in just 40 minutes

Seventh-seeded Serena Williams lost only seven points in the second set of a 6-3, 6-0 win over Dally Randriantefy of Mada-gascar that lasted 48 minutes.

But second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo and Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova both had to bounce back after losing the first sets in their matches.

As he did in his first-round match, Agassi looked as though he needed a little time to get loosened up. Once he did, Schuettler, a fellow baseliner, had no answer to his stinging, angled groundstrokes.



Andre Agassi didn't seemed bothered by his hip injury in beating Rainer Schuettler in straight sets in the second round.

To say it was 100 percent would proba bly be overstating it," Agassi said. "I felt as the match went on I was getting more comfortable with my movement, and that's a good thing. My movement was . . . plenty good enough for me to think about my game and not think about that.'

Agassi next faces fellow American Taylor Dent, seeded 29th, while Safin takes on No. 28 Mario Ancic

"I think Taylor is as difficult an oppo-nent as one can have," Agassi said. "He puts pressure on you constantly, makes you hit your shots. I'll have to be returning well and doing all sorts of things well.'

Williams is trying to recapture the form that made her the Australian Open champion in 2003, when she completed her personal Grand Slam of four consecutive majors. She missed last year's tournament because of a knee injury

She didn't drop a point on serve in the second set until the final game, when she



Maria Sharapova committed 44 unforced errors and needed six match points to finally beat Lindsay Lee-Waters and advance to the third round of the Australian Open.

made two unforced errors. Williams set un match point with a curling forehand win ner and ended the match with her sixth ace.

"I definitely tried to step my game up, said Williams, who hit 38 winners and only 18 unforced errors.

My form "is definitely getting better and better with each match," she said. "I hit a lot of winners against a girl that actually gets a lot of balls back. So I was excited.

Williams will play 18-year-old Sania Mirza, a 6-2, 6-1 winner over Petra Mandula, in the next round. Mirza, playing in her first major, is the first Indian woman to make the third round of a Grand Slam tour-

Sharapova, a 17-year-old Russian star who beat Williams in the last Wimbledon final, needed six match points to beat American Lindsay Lee-Waters.

Sharapova committed 44 unforced errors, mostly in the first set, and looked exhausted, running a bag of ice over her neck and shoulders between games as temperatures rose to nearly 95 degrees.

Kuznetsova was forced to deal with a doping charge Tuesday. She joined WTA Tour CEO Larry Scott in a sharp rebuke of Belgian regional sports minister Claude Eerdekens, who said the Russian player tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine during a charity event last month.

medicine is on the banned list during comnetition it's not off limits during the offsea. son.

"When I was on court, I wasn't thinking about it," she said. But as she walked off it all started coming back.

She didn't rule out legal action against Eerdekens.

"It's not my decision now," she said. "He has to pay for it.

Ninth-seeded Vera Zvonareva of Russia, with 11 double-faults, lost 6-3, 6-3 to compatriot Vera Douchevina

Mauresmo, the Olympic silver medalist and Australian runner-up in 1999, overcame poor serving in the first set and reeled off the last 10 consecutive games in a 2-6, 6-1, 6-0 win over 18-year-old Dinara Safina

On the men's side, French Open champion Gaston Gaudio overcame Olympic silver medalist Mardy Fish 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (4), while Tommy Robredo (13), Dominik Hrbaty (20), Feliciano Lopez (24), Ancic (28), Dent (29) and 2002 Australian champion Thomas Johansson (30) also advanced.

Tommy Haas, seeded 16th, was upset 5-7, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-3 by Slovakia's Karol

Other seeded players ousted were Ivan Liubicic (22) and Paradorn Srichaphan

#### Tennis scoreboard

#### Australian Open

Wednesday At Melbourne Park Melbourne, Australia es \$14.5 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Men

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3-6, 7-5. Gaston Gaudio (10), Argentina, def. Mardy Fish, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

7-5. Marat Safin (4), Russia, def. Bohdan Uli-hrach, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3. Mario Ancic (28), Croatia, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.

Feliciano Lopez (24), Spain, def. Sargis
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Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Todd Perry (16), Australia, def. Jean-Francois Bachelot and Cyril Saulnier, France, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 7-60, Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Alexander Waske, Germany, def. Mark Knowles, Baha-mas, and Daniel Nestor (1), Canada, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

First Bound
Tathiana Garbin, Italy, and Tina Krizan, Slovenia, def. Jili Craybas, United States, and
Mariene Weingarter, Germany, 6-3, 7-5.
Liga Dekmeljere, Latvia, and Nana Miyasi,
Japan, def. Arantha Parra, Santonja and
Eva Birnerova. Czech Republic, and Andreea Vanc, Komania, def. Netta Benesova
and Kyeta Peschke, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-7
(5), 6-2. (5), 6-2. Lisa Raymond, United States, and Rennae Stubbs (3), Australia, def. Martina Muller

Skubis, (3), Australia, def. Martina, Muller and Julia Schruff, Germany, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, and Aniko Kapros, Hungary, def. Natalie Grandi-South Africa, and Corichita Martinez Grana-dio, and Corichita Granado, and Carlo Jaura Granulle, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (1), 6-3, and Corichita Martinez Granado, and Peng. China, def. Francesca Schiusone and Roher.

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Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and Elena Likhovtseva (5), Russia, def. Casey Dellac-qua and Nicole Sewell, Australia, 6-3, 5-3. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, and Nicole Pratt (16), Australia, def. Leanne Baker, New Zealand, and Francesca Lubiani, Italy, 6-4, 7-4.

and virginia Ruano Pascuai (4), Spain, 7-5, Beti Sekulovski and Cindy Watson, Austra-lia, def. Anastassia Rodionova, Russia, and Abipail Spears, United States, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Alyona Bondarenko, Ukraine, and Emman-uelle Gagliardi, Switzerland, def. Patricia Wartusch, Austria, and Jasmin Woehr, Ger-many, 6-2, 6-3. Millagros Sequera, Venezuela, and Meilen

many, 6-2, 6-3. Milagros Sequera, Venezuela, and Meilen Tu, United States, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, and Patty Schnyder (9), Switzerland, 7-5, 6-4. Maret Ani, Estonia, and Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Anne Kremer, Luxembourg, and Maria Sanchez Lorenzo, Spain, 46, 6-2, 6-2. Li Ting and Sun Tian Tian (10), China, def. Marta Marrero, Spain, and Antonella Serve.

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## Clemens asks for \$22 million in arbitration

## Seven-time Cy Young winner's request is a record; Gagne gets two-year deal in L.A.

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens followed a record-setting season with a record-setting salary request. Eric Gagne, another Cy Young Award winner, got a big deal, too.

After winning his seventh Cy Young Award, the Rocket asked for \$22 million in salary arbitration Tuesday, easily topping the previous high of \$18.5 million by New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter in 2001.

Clemens, who still hasn't decided whether to pitch this year or retire, was offered \$13.5 million by his hometown Houston Astros.

The \$8.5 million difference was

The \$8.5 million difference was exactly double the previous record spread, set by the Yankees and Jeter.

### Baseball roundup

"We are proceeding down the arbitration path as if Roger were going to play," Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, said. "He has not yet decided whether to play in 2005, but I expect him to do so by Feb. 1 at the latest."

Not only does Clemens wear No. 22 on his uniform, he would be playing his 22nd major league season.

"We looked at what some of the comparables were — Greg Maddux, Randy Johnson — and we tried to use those star-quality players to come up with a number," Astros General Manager Tim Purpura said. Rather than swap figures with the Dodgers, Gagne agreed to a \$19 million, two-year deal with Los Angeles that contains a club option for 2007. Gagne, the 2003 NL Cy Young winner, has the right to void the option year, however, and become a free agent.

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"We wanted to do everything
we could to try to keep him,"
Dodgers General Manager Paul
DePodesta said. "I don't like to be
put in a position where we're pitted against one of our players."

Clemens was among 40 players who exchanged figures with their teams, a group that included Astros outfielder Lance Berkman and AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins. Gagne was among 30 players who agreed to deals before the exchange.

In addition, the Cubs and catcher Michael Barrett agreed to a \$12 million, three-year contract after swapping proposals. Barrett became the 50th player to agree to a deal among the 89 who filed for arbitration Friday.

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If he decides to play, Clemens could have the highest salary for a pitcher in a season, topping the \$1.7.5 million made last year by Boston's Pedro Martinez. Johnson has the top salary among prichers next year, calculated at \$4.5 million made year, calculated at \$4.5 million person-standard with a property of the salary top the salary top to contract he signed with Arizona before he was traded to the New York Yankees.

Clemens, 42, left the Yankees after the 2003 season and intended to retire. But after former teammate Andy Pettitte signed with the Astros, Clemens was persuaded to sign with his hometown club.

Sign with his nometown club. He took an undermarket deal that guaranteed him \$5 million, of which \$3.5 million was deferred without interest until July 1, 2006. Clemens earned an additional \$1,825,000 in bonuses based on his selection to the NL All-Star team and Houston's home attendance, which was more than 3.3

million, including the postseason. Clemens had a remarkable season, going 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts. As he did last winter, he says he is leaning toward retirement but has not ruled out playing.

"As I've said all along we're going to wait patiently for his answer," Purpura said. "Having Roger Clemens here is very important to the team, the city and the fans. It would be great to have Roger on board."

Berkman, eligible for free agency after next season, asked for \$11 million and the team offered \$10 million.

Santana, who went 20-6 with an AL-leading 2.61 ERA and 25 strikeouts, asked for a raise to \$6.8 million and was offered \$5 million. The left-hander lost his arbitration case last year and made \$1.6 million instead of his \$2.45 million request.

Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez asked for a raise from \$6 million to \$10.25 million and was offered \$8 million.

Tampa Bay had the most players who swapped figures with six, including right-hander Travis Harper, who had the smallest difference at \$190,000 (\$840,000 vs. \$650,000).

If settlements are not reached, hearings before panels of three arbitrators will be held next month. Among those who agreed to contracts Tuesday were two other players who had become free agents: Seattle left-hander Ron Villone (\$4.2 million for two years) and Philadelphia second baseman Placido Polano (\$4.6 million for the other placed polano (\$4.6 million for one season). Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins got a \$3.85 million contract and pitcher Vicente Padil-la agreed at \$3.2 million.

Anaheim agreed to contracts with pitchers Jarrod Washbur (86.5 million) and Scot Shields (8925,000) and catcher Jose Molina (8725,000). Colorado settled with pitchers Jason Jennings (87 million over two years) and Joe Kennedy (82.2 million).

Nemedy (8.2. million). World Series champion Boston agreed to one-year contracts with second baseman Mark Bellhorn (82.75 million) and right-hander Bronson Arroy (81.85 million). Baltimore reached agreements with three players pitchers B.J. Ryan (82.6 million) and Rodrigo Lopez (82.375,000), and second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. (\$1.8 million).

The Cubs also agreed to one-year deals with center fielder Corey Patterson (\$2.8 million) and reliever Kyle Farnsworth (\$1,975,000).

Among free agents, the Indians agreed to a \$2.7 million, two-year deal with infielder Alex Cora and the New York Mets agreed to a minor league contract with reliever Roberto Hernandez.



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# With game on line, Wake Forest falters

FSU capitalizes on end of No. 3 Deacons' free-throw streak

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Wake Forest was right where it wanted to be: at the foul line with a chance to take the lead.

Then, the third-ranked Demon Deacons' top free-throw shooter did the unthinkable. He missed. Wake Forest's NCAA

Wake Forest's NCAA record-streak of 50 consecutive free throws ended on Taron Downey's miss with the game tied at 76 and 4 seconds left, and Florida State went on to win 91-83 in overtime Tuesday night.

"That was a moment where I was probably a little concerned," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said.

"They had hit, what, 50 straight free throws." Downey was fouled by Ralph

Mims while making a desperation three-pointer.
"It felt good when it left my hand," Downey said. "But you know, it happens like that some-

Wake Forest (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) made 32 straight foul shots Saturday in a 95-82 victory over North Carolina and its first 18 Tuesday night before Downev's miss.

Wake Forest's 50 straight free throws eclipsed the mark of 49 set in 1991 by Indiana State.

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"They'd already set a record,"
Hamilton mused. "It was time to start another one."

Todd Galloway scored nine straight points in overtime and finished with a career-high 21 to help Florida State snap Wake Forest's 10-game winning streak.

Von Wafer scored 25 of his career-high 30 points in the first half as Florida State (10-8, 2-3) twice opened 19-point leads on its way to a 46-32 lead at halftime. "We've talked about him for

"We've talked about him for two days," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "He's a time bomb. Our players were cognizant of that."

Prosser wanted his team to keep Wafer from getting the ball. "I haven't seen a guy yet score without the ball," Prosser said. Wafer was 6-for-8 from

without the ball," Prosser said.

Wafer was 6-for-8 from
three-point range and 9-for-13
overall in the first half. He was
one of three Seminoles who had
career highs.

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3 Wake Forest on Tuesday in Tallahassee, Fla. Wake Forest had won 10 straight going into the game.



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